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Fiue hundreth pointes of good husbandrie, as well for the Champion or open countrie, as also for the Woodland or Seuerall, mixed in euery month with Huswiferie, ouer and vnto the booke of Husbandry.

Corrected, better ordered, and newlie augmented to a fourth part more, with diuers other lessons, as a diet for the farmer, & the properties of hoppes, gilliuers, hyssop, sothernwood, rosemarie, &c. Also for sowing saffron, with sundrie other matters both profitable and not vnpleasant for the Reader.

Also a table of the chapters at the beginning of this booke, and another of Huswiferie at the end, for the better and easier finding of any matter contained in the same.

Newlie set foorth by Thomas *Tusser Gentleman.*

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A leſſon how to confer euerie abſtract *with his month, and how to find out* Huſwiferie verſes by the *Pilcrow, and Champion* from Woodland.

In euerie month, yer in aught be begun,
Read ouer that month, what auails to be dun:
So neither this trauell ſhal ſeeme to be loſt,
Nor thou to repent, of this trifling coſt.

The figure of abſtract, and month do agree,
Which one to another, relations bee:
Theſe verſes ſo ſhort, without figure that ſtand,
Be points of themſelues to be taken in hand.

In huſbandry matters, where pilcrow ye find,
That verſe appertaineth to huſwifery kind:
So haue ye mo leſſons (if there ye looke well)
Than huſwifery booke doth vtter or tell.

Of Champion huſbandry, now do I write,
Which heretofore neuer this booke did recite:
With leſſons approued, by practiſe and ſkil,
To profit the ignorant, buie it that will.

The Champion differs from Seuerall much,
For want of partition, cloſure and ſuch:
One name to them both, do I giue now and than,
For Champion country, and Champion man.

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The authors Epistle to the late Lorde *William Paget, wherein he doth discourse* of his owne bringing vp, and of the goodnes *of the said Lord his maister vnto him,* and the occasion of this his booke *this set forth of his owne* long practise.

Chap. 1.

THOMAS TAYLOR MADE ME

Time tries the troth in euery thing,
Herewith let men content their minde,
Of works which best may profit bring,
Most rash to iudge most often blinde,
As therefore troth in time shall craue,
So let this booke iust fauor haue.

Take you my Lord and maister than,
Vnlesse mischanse mischanceth me,
Such homely gift of me your man,
Since more in court I may not be,
And let your praise woon heretofore,
Remaine abroad for euermore.

My seruing you (this vnderstand)
And God his helpe and yours withall,
Did cause good lucke to take mine hand,
Erecting one most like to fall.

My seruing you I know it was,
Enforced this to come to passe.

Since being once at Cambridge taught,
Of court ten yeares I made aſſaié,
No muſick then was left vnſought,
Such care I had to ſerue that waie:
When ioy gan ſlake, then made I change,
Expelled mirth for muſicke ſtrange.
My muſicke ſince hath beene the plough,
Intangled with ſome care among,
The gaine not great, the paine inough,
Hath made me ſing an other ſong:
Which ſong if well I may auow,
I craue it iudged be by you.

Your ſeruant Thomas Tuſſer.

To the Right Honorable and my ſpe-ciall good Lord and Maiſter, the Lord Thomas Paget of Beaudeſert, ſonne and heire to his late father deceaſed.

Chap. 2.

MY Lord, your father loued me,
and you my lord haue proued me,
and both your loues haue moued me,
to write as I haue donne:
Since God hath hence your father,
Such flowers as I gather,
I dedicate now rather,
to you my Lord his ſonne.
Your father was my founder,
till death became his wounder,
no ſubiect euer ſounder,
whom Prince aduancement gaue:
As God did here defend him,
and honor here did lend him,
ſo now I will commend him,
as long as life I haue.
His neighbours then did bleſſe him,
his ſeruants now do miſſe him,
the poore would gladly kiſſe him,
aliue againe to be;
But God hath wrought his pleaſure,
and bleſt him out of meaſure,
with heauen and earthly treaſure,
ſo good a God is he.

His counsell had I vsed,
and *Ceres* art refused,
I need not thus haue mused,
nor droope as now I do:
But I must play the farmer,
and yet no whit the warmer,
although I had his armor,
and other comfort too.

Aesops fable.

The Fox doth make me mind him,
whose glory so did blind him,
till tayle cut off behind him,
no feare could him content.
Euen so must I be prouing,
such glory I had in louing,
of things to plow behooueing,
that makes me now repent.

Loiterers I kept so meany,
both Philip, Hob and Cheany,
that, that way nothing geanie,
was thought to make me thriue.

Salust.

Like *Iugurth* Prince of *Numid*,
my gold away consumid,
with losses so perfumid,
was neuer none aliue.

Great fines so neere did pare me,
great rent so much did skare me,
great charge so long did dare me,
that made me at length cry creke:
Much more of all such feeses,
as oft I lost by peeces,
among such wilie geeses,
I list no longer speake.
Though counry health long staid me,
yet lease expiring fraid me,

and

and (*Ictus sapit*) praid me,
to seeke more steadie staie:
New lessons then I noted,
and some of them I quoted,
least some should thinke I doted,
by bringing nought away.

Though *Pallas* hath deride me,
hir learned pen to guide me,
for that she daily spide me,
with countrey how I stood:
Yet *Ceres* so did bold me,
with hir good lessons told me,
that rudenes cannot hold me,
from doing countrey good.

Pallas goddes of wisdō and cunning.

By practise and ill speeding,
these lessons had their breeding,
and not by heeresay or reeding,
as some abroad haue blown:
Who will not thus beleeue me,
so much the more they grieue me,
because they grudge to giue me,
that is of right mine owne.

At first for want of teaching,
at first for trifles breaching,
at first for ouer reaching,
and lacke of taking hid:
Was cause that tosse so tost me,
that practise so much cost me,
that rashnes so much lost me,
or hindred as it did.

Yet will I not despaier,
through Gods good gift so faier,
through friendship, gold, and praier,
in countrey againe to dwell:

Where

Where rent so shall not paine me,
but paines shall helpe to gaine me,
and gaines shall helpe maintaine me,
new lessons mo to tell.
For citie seemes a wringer,
the peny for to finger,
from such as there do linger,
or for their pleasure lie:
Though countrey be more painefull,
and not so greedy gainefull,
yet is it not so vainefull,
in following fansies eie.
I haue no labour wanted,
to prune this tree thus planted,
whose fruit to none is scanted,
in house nor yet in field:
Which fruit, the more ye taste of,
the more to eat ye haste of,
the lesse this fruit ye waste of,
such fruit this tree doth yeeld:
My tree or booke thus framed,
with title already named:
I trust goes forth vnblamed,
in your good Lordships name:
As my good Lord I take you,
and neuer will forsake you,
so now I craue to make you,
defender of the same.

Your seruant Thomas Tusser.

Chap. 3.

I Haue been praid,
to ſhew mine aid,
in taking paine,
not for the gaine,
but for good will,
to ſhew ſuch skill,
as ſhew I could;
That husbandry,
with huswifery,
as cocke and hen,
to countrey men,
as ſtrangers gone,
might ioyn in one,
as louers ſhould.

I truſt both this,
performed is,
and how that here,
it ſhall appeare,
with iudgment right
to thy delight,
is brought to paſſe:
That ſuch as wiue,
and faine would thriue,
be plainly taught,
how good from naught,
may trim be tride,
and liuely ſpide,
as in a glaſſe.

What ſhould I win,
by writing in,
my loſſes paſt,
that ran as faſt,
as running ſtreame,
from reame to reame,
that flowes ſo ſwift?
For that I cold,
not get for gold,
to teach me how,
as this doth vou,
through dailie gaine,
the way ſo plaine,
to come by thrift.

What is a grote,
or twaine to note,
once in the life,
for man and wife,
to ſaue a pound,
in houſe or ground,
each other weeke?
What more for health,
what more for wealth,
what needeth leſſe,
run iacke, helpe Beſſe,
to ſtay amis,
not hauing this,
far off to ſeeke?

I doo not craue,
no thanks to haue,
than giuen to me,
already be,
but this is all,
to ſuch as ſhall,
peruſe this booke:

That

That for my ſake,
they gently take,
where ere they find,
againſt their mind,
when he or ſhe,
ſhall minded be,
thereinto looke.

And grant me now,
good reader thou,
ſuch termes to vſe,
ſuch choiſe to chuſe,
as may delight,
the countrey wight,
and knowledge bring:
For ſuch doo praiſe,
the countrey phraſe,
the countrey acts,
the countrey facts,
the countrey toies,
before the ioyes,
of any thing.

Nor looke thou here,
that euery ſhere,
of euery verſe,
I thus reherſe,
may profit take,
or vantage make,
by leſſons ſuch:
For here we ſee,
things ſeueral be,
and there no dike,
but champion like,
and ſandie ſoile,
and claiey toile,
do ſuffer much.

This being waide,
be not afraide,
to buy to prooue,
to read with loue,
to follow ſome,
and ſo to come,
by practiſe true:
My paine is paſt,
thou warning haſt,
th'experience mine,
the vantage thine,
may giue thee choiſe,
to crie to reioiſe.
and thus adue.

FINIS. T. Tuſſer.

Chap. 4.

GOod husbandmen, must moile and toile,
to laie to liue, by labored feeld:
Their wiues at home must keep such coile,
as their like acts, may profit yeeld.

For well they know,
as shaft from bow,
or chalke from snow,

A good round rent, their lords they giue,
and must keepe tutch, in all their paie:
With credit crackt, else for to liue,
or trust to legs, and run away.

Though fenle wel kept, is one good point,
and tilth wel done, in season due:
Yet needing salue, in time t'annoint,
is all in all, and needfull true,

As for the rest,
thus thinke I best,
as friend doth ghest,

WIth hand in hand, to lead thee forth,
to Ceres campe, there to behold,
A thousand things as richly worth,
as anie pearle, is worthy gold.

Ceres goddes of husbandry.

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A preface to the buier of *this Booke.*

Chap. 5.

WHat lookeſt thou herein to haue?
Fine verſes thy fanſie to pleaſe?
Of many my betters that craue,
Looke nothing but rudenes in theaſe.

What other thing lookeſt thou then?
Graue ſentences many to find?
Such Poets haue twenty and ten,
Yea thouſands contenting the mind.

What looke ye, *I* pray you ſhew what?
Termes painted with Rhetorike fine?
Good husbandry ſeeketh not that,
Nor iſt any meaning of mine.

What lookeſt thou, ſpeake at the laſt?
Good leſſons for thee and thy wife?
Then keepe them in memory faſt,
To helpe as a comfort to life.

What looke ye for more in my booke?
Points needful and meet to be knowne?
Then daily be ſuer to looke,
To ſaue to be ſuer thine owne.

Chap. 6.

Let house haue to fill her,
Let land haue to till her.

NO dwellers, what profiteth house for to stand?
What goodnes, vnoccupied bringeth the land?
No labour no bread,
No host we be dead.
No husbandry vsed, how soone shall we sterue?
Housekeping neglected, what comfort to serue?
Ill father no gift,
No knowledge no thrift.
The father an vnthrift, what hope to the sonne?
The ruler vnskilful, how quickly vndonne?

Chap. 7.

As true as thy faith,
This riddle thus saith.

I Seeme but a drudge, yet I passe anie king,
To such as can vse me, great wealth I do bring.
Since Adam first liued, I neuer did die,
When Noe was a shipman, there also was I.
The earth to sustaine me, the sea for my fish,
Be ready to pleasure me as I would wish.
What hath any life, but I helpe to preserue,
What wight without me, but is ready to sterue?
In woodland, in champion, citie or towne,
Long I be absent, what falleth not downe?
Long I be present, what goodnes can want?
Though things at my comming were neuer so scant.
So many as loue me, and vse me aright,
With treasure and pleasure, I richly acquight.
Great kings I do succour, else wrong it would go,
The King of all kinges hath appointed it so.

The praise of husbandry

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Chap. 8.

OF husband, doth husbandry chalenge that name,
of husbandry husband doth likewise the same:
Where huswife and huswifery, toineth with theale,
there wealth in abundance, is gotten with eale.

The name of a husband what is it to say?
of wife and the houshold, the band and the staie:
Some husbandly thriueth, that neuer had wife,
yet scarse a good husband, in goodnes of life.

The husband is he, that to labour doth fall,
the labour of him, I do husbandry call:
If thrift by that labour, be any way caught,
then is it good husbandry, else is it naught.

So houshold and houlholdry, I do define,
for folke and the goods, that in house be of thine:
House keeping to them, as a refuge is set,
which like as it is, so report it doth get.

Be house or the furniture, neuer so rude,
of husband and husbandry, (thus I conclude:)
That huswife and huswifery, if it be good,
must pleasure together, as cousins in blood.

The Ladder to thrift.

Chap. 9.

TO take thy calling thankfully,
and shun the path to beggerie.

2 To grudge in youth no drudgerie,
to come by knowledge perfectly.

3 To count no trauell slauerie,
that brings in peny sauerly.

4 To follow profit earnestly,
but meddle not with pilferie.

5 To get by honest practise,
and keepe thy gettings couertly.

6 To lash not out to lashingly,
for feare of pinching penurie.

7 To get good plot to occupie,
and store and vse it husbandly.

8 To shew to landlord curtesie,
and keepe thy couenants orderly.

9 To

usser, Thos.

9 To hold that thinke to lawfullie,
for fountnes or for flatterie.

10 To wed good wife for company
and line in wedlocke honestlie.

11 to [illegible]

12 [illegible]
and none to [illegible]

13 to suffer none[illegible]
for feare of [illegible]

14 to courage wife in [illegible]
and vse well powers [illegible]

15 to keepe thy [illegible]
and count exceste vnthrifte.

16 to raise betimes the [illegible]
both sneezing [illegible]

17 to walke thy pastures [illegible]
to spie ill neighbours [illegible]

18 to hate reuengement [illegible]
for losing loue and amitie.

19 to loue thy neighbour [illegible]
and shew him no [illegible]

20 to answere [illegible]
but shew him not [illegible]

21 to vse no friendes [illegible]
to offer no man [illegible]

22 to learne how [illegible]
but trust him not [illegible]

23 to keepe thy [illegible]
and in thy [illegible]

24 to make thy bonds aduisedlie,
& come not bound through suertie

25 to meddle not with vsurie,
nor lend thy money foolishlie.

26 to [illegible]

27 [illegible]

28 [illegible]

29 to banish [illegible]

30 [illegible]

31 to beare thy crosses patientlie,
[illegible]

32 [illegible]
[illegible]

33 to [illegible]

34 to spende the [illegible]
and helpe the needie [illegible]

35 to liue in conscience quietlie,
and keepe thy selfe from maladie.

36 to ease thy debtors speedilie,
per helpe be paid recouerie.

37 to pray to God for remedie,
for wiches power on [illegible]

These be the steps vnfeining dyet
to climbe to thrift by husbandrie.

These steps both teach, and touch thee shall,
To come by thrift to shift withall.

Chap. 10.

GOd sendeth & giueth, both mouth and the meat,
and bleſſeth vs all with his benefits great:
Then ſerue we the God, that ſo richly doth giue
ſhew loue to our neighbors, and lay for to liue:

2 As bud by appearing, betokeneth the ſpring,
and leafe by her falling the contrary thing:
So youth bids vs labour, to get what we can,
for age is a burthen, to labouring man.

3 A competent liuing, and honeſtly had,
makes ſuch as are godly, both thankful and glad:
Life neuer contented with honeſt eſtate,
lamented is oft, and repented too late.

4 Count neuer well gotten, that naughtily is got,
nor well to account of, which honeſt is not:
Looke long not to proſper, that weigheſt not this,
leaſt proſpering faileth and all go amiſs.

Lay holſelth to liue.

5 True wedlocke is beſt, for auoyding of ſinne,
the bed vndefiled, much honor doth win:
Though loue be in cheriſhing, far better then gold,
let loue come with ſom what, the better to hold.

6 Where couples agree not, is rancor and ſtrife,
where ſuch be together, is ſeldome good life:
Where couples in wedlocke, do louingly agree,
there ſaizon remaineth, if wiſedom there be.

wife and children create a dwelling.

7 Who looketh to marrie, muſt looke to keepe houſe,
for loue may not alway, be playing with bouſe,
If children increaſe, and no ſtate of thine owne,
what afterwards followes, is ſome to be knowne.

Thee for thyne.

8 Once charged with children, or likely to be,
giue ouer to ſojourne, that thinketh to thee:
Leaſt grudging of hoſtis, and crauing of nurſe,
be coſtly and noiſome, to thee and thy purſe.

9 Good

9 Good husbandes that keepe ...
are ofte[n] ...
To spend as they ...
for running in ...

10 ... By hauock is meant all thy stocke.
which ...
Of ...
...

11 ...
but keepe ...
...
which ...

12 ...
in selling ...
...
in selling ...

13 ... Catchpoles.
A ...
...
to strip ...

14 Rent ...
so much ...
Rent ...
at ...

15 Once ... Poore beggers.
...
that ...

16 ... Idle seruing officers.
...
make ... Thrifty physicke.

17 ...
make ...
...
make bolt ...

Thrifts daily.

18 Make husbandly breakfast, at noon dry bones,
make husswife ... at night ...
Make coser fast locke, thy meate ... to keepe,
make houses to be sure, the safer to sleepe.

19 Make handy thy tooles ... to barne and a sheafe,
make courage ... to be reputed a chiefe.

Husbandlie armour.

Make trapdore ... and be both ...,
make gunstone and arowes ... within.

20 The ... mistresse, ... good hen,
and also ... for ...
Be causers of opening, ... of gaps, and ...
that letteth in mischiefe, ... mishaps.

Théeues to thrift.

Friends to thrift.

21 Good husbande be ... to ...,
good huswife ... to ...
Though husband ... to come ... out,
yet huswife within ... that.

Enemie to thrift.

22 What helpeth ... to ... to night,
halfe ... such ...
So, twenty ... such ...

23 A ... and ...
a rauening ...
Six noiances to thrift.
A giddy ... matter, ...
... king's ruling to ruine, ... grade.

24 With ... and ...
and halfe the ...
Not often ... feed ...
Enough is a praise.
is husbandlie care, ... the ... plough.

25 Each ... to be ... or ...
each day ... to ...
Yet measurely ... to ...
shall make ... to ...

Thrifts aduises.

26 Things ... but ... contriue,
but build ... that ... to thriue.
Who fondly in ... consumeth his ...
in the end ... shall get but a mocke.

27 Spend

27 Spend none but your owne, howsoeuer ye spend, Spoilers to thrift.
for bribing and shifting, haue seldome good end:
In substance although ye haue neuer so much,
delight not in paralites, harlots and such.

28 Be suerty seldome (but neuer for much)
for feare of purse pennilesse, hanging by such:
Or Skarborow warning, as ill I beleeue,
when sir (Arrest ye) gets hold of your sleeue.

29 Vse (Legem pone) to paie at thy daie,
but vse not (Oremus) for often delaie:
Yet (Præsta quęsumus) out of a grate,
of all other collects, the lender doth hate.

30 Be pinched for lending, for kirke nor for kin,
nor also by spending, by such as come in:
Nor put to thy hand, betwixt barke and the tree,
least through thine owne follie, so pinched thou be.

31 As lending to neighbour, in time of his need,
wins loue of thy neighbour, and credit doth breed:
So neuer to craue but to liue of thine owne,
brings comforts a thousand, to many vnknowne.

32 Who liuing but lends? and be lent to they must,
else buieng and selling, might lie in the dust:
But shamelesse and craftie, that desperate are,
make many ful honest, the worser to fare.

33 At sometime to borrow, account it no shame,
if iustlie thou keepest, thy touch for the same:
Who quicke be to borrow, and slow be to pay,
their credit is naught, go they neuer so gay.

34 By shifting and borrowing, who so as liues,
not well to be thought on, occasion giues:
Then lay to liue warlie, and wisely to spend,
for prodigal liuers, haue seldome good end.

35 Some spareth too late, and a number with him,
the foole at the bottome, the wise at the brim:
Who careth nor spareth, till spent he haue all,
of bobbing, not robbing, be fearefull he shall.

36 Where welthines floweth, no friendship can lacke,
wilom pouertie pincheth, hath friendship as slacke:
Then happie is he by example that can,
take hœd by the fall of a mischieued man.

37 Who breaketh his credit, or cracketh it twise,
trust such with a suertie, if ye be wise:
Or if he be angrie, for asking thy due,
once euen, to him afterward, lend not anew.

38 Account it well sold, that is iustlie well paid,
and count it well bought, that is neuer denaid:
But yet here is tone, here is tother doth best,
for buier and seller, for quiet and rest.

39 Leaue princes affaires, vndesканted on,
and tend to such doings, as standes thee vpon:
Feare God, and offend not the prince and his lawes,
and kæpe thyselfe out, of the magistrates clawes.

40 As interest or vsurie, plaieth the diuell,
so hilbacke and filbellie, biteth as euill:
But dicing among them, and docking the dell,
and by and by after, of beggerie smell.

Thrifts Iaditor.

41 Once weekelie remember, thy charges to cast,
once monthlie see how, thy expences may last:
If quarter declareth too much to be spent,
for feare of ill yeare, take aduise of thy rent.

42 Who orderly entereth, his paiment in booke,
shall orderly find them againe (if ye looke:)
And he that intendeth, but once for to paie
shall find this in doing, the quietest waie.

43 In dealing vprightly, this counsell I teach,
first reckon, then write, yer to purse ye hon reach:
Then paie and dispatch him, as soone as ye can,
for lingring is hindrance, to many a man.

44 Haue waights I aduise thee, for siluer and gold,
for some be in knauerie, now abaies bold:
And for to be sure, good money to paie,
receiue that is currant, as neere as ye may.

45 Delight

usser, Thos.

45 Delight not for pleasure two houses to keepe,
least charge without measure vpon thee doo creepe:
And Jankin and Jenkin, coosen thee so,
to make thee repent it, yer the yeere about go.

46 The stone that is rolling, can gather no mosse,
who often remooueth, is sure of a losse:
The rich it compelleth, to pate for his pride,
the poore it vnbooeth, on euery side.

47 The eie of the maister, inricheth the hutch,
the eie of the mistresse, auaileth as much:
Which eie if it gouerne, with reason and skill
hath seruant and seruice, at pleasure and will.

48 Who seeketh reuengment of euery wrong,
in quiet nor safetie, continueth long:
So he that of wilfulnes, trieth the lawe,
shall striue for a corcombe, and thriue as a dawe:

49 To hunters and hawkers, take heed what ye say,
mild answer with courtesie, driues them away:
So where a mans better, will open a gap,
resist not with rudenes, for feare of mishap.

50 A man in this world, for a churle that is knowne,
shall hardly in quiet, keepe that is his owne:
Where lowlie and such, as of curteise smeis,
finds fauor and friendship, where euer he dweis.

51 Keepe truelie thy Sabboth, the better to speed,
keepe seruant from gadding, but when it is need:
Keepe fish day and fasting day, as they doo fall,
what custome thou keepest, let others keepe all.

52 Though some in their tithing, be slacke or too bold,
be thou vnto Godward, not that waie too cold:
Euill conscience grudgeth, and yet we doo see,
ill tithers, ill thriuers, most commonly bee.

53 Pay weekelie thy workman, his houshold to fede,
pay quarterlie seruants, as they haue need:
Giue garment to such, as deserue and no mo,
least thou and thy wife, without garment doo go.

54 Beware raskabilia, slothfull to worke,
purloiners and filchers, that loueth to lurke:
Awaie with such lubbers, so loth to take paine,
that rowles in expenses, but neuer no gaine.

55 Good wife, and good children, are worthy to eat,
good seruant, good labourer, earneth their meat:
Good friend, and good neighbor, that fellowlie ghest,
with hartilie welcome, should haue of the best.

56 Depart not with all, that thou hast to thy child,
much lesse vnto other, for being beguild:
Least if thou wouldst gladlie possesse it agen,
looke for to come by it, thou wottest not when.

57 The greatest preferment, that child we can giue,
is learning and nurture, to teach him to liue:
Which who so it wanteth, though left as a squier,
consumeth to nothing, as blacke in the fier.

58 When God hath so blest thee, as able to liue,
and thou hast to rest thee, and able to giue:
Lament thy offenses, serue God for amends,
make soule to be ready, when God for it sends.

59 Send fruits of thy faith, to heauen afore hand,
for mercy here doing, God blesseth thy land:
He maketh thy store, with his blessing to swim,
and after thy soule, to be blessed with him.

60 Some lay to get riches, by sea and by land,
and ventreth his life, in his enimies hand:
And setteth his soule, vpon fire or on seauen,
not fearing nor caring, for hell nor for heauen.

61 Some pincheth and sparеth, and pineth his life,
to coffer vp bagges, for to leaue to his wife:
And she when he dieth, sets open the chest,
for such as can looth hir, and all awaie wrest.

62 Good husband prevenеting, the frailnes of some,
takes part of Gods benefits, as they do come:
And leaueth to wife, and his children the rest,
each one his owne part, as he thinketh it best.

63 These

Tusser, Thos.

These lessons approued, if wisely ye note,
may saue and aduantage you many a groat:
which if you can follow occasion found,
then euery lesson may saue you a pound.

An habitation inforced better late than neuer,
vpon these words, Sit downe Robin and
rest thee. Chap. 11.

MY friend if cause doth wrest thee,
Or cer follie hath much oppresst thee:
urre from acquaintance kest thee,
here countrey may digest thee,
t wood and water request thee,
good corne soile to nest thee,
here pasture and meade may brest thee,
nd healthsome aire inuest thee,
ough enuie shall detest thee,
t that no whit molest thee,
anke God that so hath blest thee,
nd sit downe Robin and rest thee.

The farmers daily diet.
Chap. 12.

A Plot set downe for farmers quiet,
as time requires, to frame his diet:
ith sometime fish, and sometime flesh,
hat household store, may longest last.
t lent wel kept, offend not thee, Lent.
or Watch and Apostles Eue be:
pend herring first, saue saltfish last,
or saltfish is good, when Lent is past.
hen Easter comes, who knows not then, Easter.
hat beale and bacon is the man?
Martilmas beefe, doth beare good tacke,
pen countrey folke, doo dainties lacke.

When

Midſummer
When Mackrell crauleth from the ſeas,
John Baptiſt bringes, graſſe beeſe and peaſe,

Michelmas
Freſh herring plentie, Michell brings,
with fatted crones, and ſuch old things.

Hallowmas
All Saints doo lay for porke and ſouſe,
for ſprats and ſpurlings, for their houſe.

Chriſtmas
At Chriſtmas play, and make good cheere,
for Chriſtmas comes but once a yeere.

A caueat
Though ſome then doo, as doo they would,
let thriftie doo, as doo they ſhould.

Faſting
For cauſes good, ſo many waies,
keepe Embrings well, and faſting daies

Fiſh-dates
What lawe commands we ought to obay,
for Friday, Saturne and Wednesday.

A thing needfull.
The land dooth will, the ſea dooth wiſh,
ſpare ſometime fleſh, and feed of fiſh.

Where fiſh is ſcant and fruit of trees,
Supplie that want with butter and cheeſe.
quoth Tuſſer

¶ A deſcription of the properties of winds *all the times of the yeere. Chap. 13.*

North winds ſend haile, South winds bring raine,
Eaſt winds we bewaile, Weſt winds blow amaine:

In winter
North eaſt is too cold. South eaſt not too warme,
North weſt is too bold, South weſt doth no harme.

At the ſpring
The North is a noter, to graſſe of all ſuits,

Summer
The Eaſt a deſtroier, to herbes and all fruits:
The South with his ſhewers, refreſheth the corne,

Autumne.
The Weſt to all floſoers may not be forborne.
The Weſt as a father, all goodnes doth bring,
The Eaſt a forbearer, no maker of thing:
The South as a kinſman, bringeth ſickneſſe too neere,
The North as a friend, maketh all againe cleere.

Wall

usser, Thos.

aith temperate wind we be blessed of God,
ith tempest we find we are beat with his rod:
power, we know, to remaine in his hand,
w euer wind blow, by sea or by land.

Though winds do rage, as winds were wood,
And cause spring tides, to raise great flood,
And lofty ships, leaue anker in mud,
Bereauing many of life and of blood:
Yet true it is, as cow chewes cud,
And trees at spring, do yeeld forth bud,
Except wind stands, as neuer it stood:
It is an ill wind turnes none to good.

Of the planets. Chap. 14.

S huswiues are teached, in stead of a clocke,
how winter night passeth, by crowing of cocke:
, here by the planets, as farre as I dare,
me lessons I leaue, for the husbandmans share.

ay starre appeareth, day comfort is nie,
sunne be at South, it is noone by and by,
unne be at Eastward, it setteth anon,
sunne be at setting, the day is soone gon.

Of the moone changing.

oone chaged, keepes closet, three daies like a Queene,
er she in hir prime, will of anie be seene:
great she appeareth, it showeth out,
small she appeareth, it signifieth drout.

change or at full, come it late or else soone,
aine sea is at highest, at midnight and noone:
t yet in the creekes it is later high flood,
nough farnesse of running, by reason as good.

e flowing is feared, for many a thing,
reat danger to such as be sicke, it doth bring:
a eb, by long ebbing, some respit doth gaie,
nd sendeth good comfort, to such as shall liue.

Chap. 14.

NOw enter John,
old farmer is gon.

2 What champion vseth,
that woodland refuseth.

3 God farmer now take,
keepe still or forsake.

4 What helps reuiue,
the thriuing to thriue.

5 Plough fense and store,
ought else before.

6 By tits and such,
some getteth much.

7 Horse strong and light,
some charges quite.
Light head and pirkle,
what lightnes worse.

8 Who goeth a borrowing,
goeth a sorrowing,
Few lends but fooles,
their working tooles.

9 Greene rie haue some,
yer Michelmas come.

10 Grant sotle hir lust,
sowe rie in the dust.

11 Cleane Rie that sowes,
the better crop mowes.

12 Mix rie aright,
with wheat that is white.

13 See corne sowne in,
too thicke nor too thin.
For want of seed,
land yeelds weed.

14 Wilch sling or bow,
keepe corne from crow.

15 Trench hedge and forrowe,
that water may thorow.
Deepe dike saues much,
from drouers and such.

16 Amend marsh wall,
crap holes and all.

17 Geld buls and rams,
sew ponds, amend dams.
Sell webster thy woll,
fruit gather, grapes pull.
For feare of drabs,
go gather thy crabs.

18 Pluck fruit to last,
when Michell is past.

19 Forget it not,
fruit bruised will rot.
Light ladder and long,
doth tree least wrong,
go gather with skill,
and gather that will.

20 Driue hiue good corne,
for wax or for honie.
No driuing of hiue,
till yeares past fiue.

21 God dwelling giue bee,
or hence goes she.

22 Put bore in tie:
for ballontide nie.

23 With bees (good Tille)
let naught be amisse.

24 Marke hempe left greene,
now plucke vp cleene.

Drown

usser, Thos.

Drowne hempe as ye need,
once had out his seed.
I prate thée good Kit,
drowne hempe in a pit.
Of all the rest,
white hempe is best.
Let skilfull be gotten,
least hempe prove rotten.
Set strawberies wise,
I loue them for like.
Plant respe and rose,
no such as those.
Go gather vp mast,
ver time be past.
Mast fats vp swine,
mast kils vp kine.
Let hogs be rong,
th old and yong.
No mast vpon Dike,
no longer vnyoke.
If hog do crie,
giue eare and eie.
Hogs haunting corne,
naie not be borne.
Good neighbor thou,
good custome allow,
No scaring with dog,
whilst mast is for hog.
Set home with the brake,
to brew with and bake,
to couer the shed,
lie ouer the bed,
to lie vnder cow,
to rot vnder mow.

to serue to burne,
for many a turne.

34 To sawpit draw,
bord log to saw.
let timber be haste,
least profit do quaile.
such bord and pale,
is readie sale.

35 Dawne slab let lie,
for stable and stie:
stiw dust spreads thicke,
makes allie tricke.

36 Keepe safe thy sense,
scarse breaks iudge thence,
A drab and a knaue,
will prowle to haue.

37 Marke wind and moone,
at midnight and noone.
Sowe rigge thy plow,
sowne milks thy cow.

38 Red cur or blacke,
sewe prowlers lacke.

39 Some speale some pitch,
some alwaies filch,
Marke lasses with greéke,
through prowling théeke.

Thus endeth Septembers abstract, agreeing with Septem. husbandry.

Other short remembrances.

Now friend as ye wish,
go sever thy fish.
When friend shall come,
to be sure of some.

Thy

Thy ponds renew,
put eeles in stew,
to liue till Lent,
and then to be spent.

Set pinye or pine,
set bore like him.

Set gillioflowers all,
that growes on the wall.

Set heards some more,
for winter store.
sow seeds for pot,
for flowers sow not.

Thus ends Septembers short remembrances.

¶ Septembers husbandry.
Chap. 17.

September blow soft,
Til fruit be inlost.

Forgotten month past.
Dos now at the last.

AT Michelmas lightly, new farmer comes in,
new husbandry forceth, him new to begin:
Old farmer still taking, the time to him giuen,
makes August to last, into Michelmas euen.

2 New farmer may enter (as champions say)
on all that is fallow, at Lent lady day:
In woodland old farmer, to that will not yeeld,
for lossing of pasture, and seed of his field.

Farme take or giue ouer.

3 Prouide against Michelmas bargaine to make,
for farme to giue ouer, to keepe or to take:
In doing of either, let wit beare a stroke,
for buying or selling, of a pig in a poke.

Twelue good properties.

4 Good farme and wel stored, good housing and byre,
good corne and good dairy, good market and nie:
Good shepherd, good tilman, good Iacke, and good Gill,
makes husband and huswife, their coffers to fill.

5 Let pasture be stored, and fenced about,
and tillage set forward, as needeth without:
Before ye do open your purse to begin.
with any thing doing, for fansie within.

6 Ne

No storing of pasture, with baggagely tit,
with ragged, and aged, and euill at hit:
Be barren and bacren, be thifted away,
for best is the best, whatsoeuer ye pay.

Horse, oxen, plough, tumbrel, cart, waggon and waine,
the lighter and stronger, the greater thy gaine: Strong and light.
the soule and the seed, with the sheafe and the purse,
be lighter in substance, for profit the worse.

To borrow to day, and to morrow to miss,
or lender or borrower, noteth it is:
then haue of thine owne, without lending vnspilt,
what followeth needful, here learne if thou wilt.

A digression to husbandly furniture.

Barne locked, gose ladder, short pitchforke and long, Warne furniture.
rake, strawforke and rake, with a fan that is strong:
ning, cartnaue and bushel, pecke, strike, ready hand:
get ranting shouel, hemine, and a sacke with a band.

A stable wel planked, with a key and a locke, Stable furniture.
walls strongly wel linen, to beare off a knocke:
racke and a manger, good litter and hate,
sweet chalke and some prouender euery day.

A pitchforke, a dong forke, seeue, shep and a bin,
a broome and a pale, to put water therein:
handbarrow, wheelebarrow, shouel and spade,
a currie combe, maine combe, and whip for a iade.

A buttrice and pincers, a hammer and naile,
an apron and sizers, for head and for taile:
a whole bridle and saddle, whitlether and naile,
with collars and harneis, for thiller and all.

A pannel and wanty, pack saddle and pad,
with line to fetch litter, and halters for had:
with crotches and pins, to hang trinkets thereon,
and stable fast chained, that nothing be gon.

6 Strong

6 Strong exletreed cart, that is clouted and shod,
cart ladder and wimble, with perser and pod.
Cart furniture. Wheele ladder for harnest, light panyfoote and tough,
shaue whiplash wel knotted, and cartrope inough.

A coom is halfe a quarter. 7 Then sacks, whereof euery one holdeth a coome.
a pulling hooke handsome, for bushes and broome:
Light tumbrell, and doong crome, for easing the dung,
ouel, pikax, and mattocke, with bottle and bung.

8 A grindstone, a whetstone, a hatchet and bill,
with hammer and Englishnaile, fastned with skill:
Husbandry tooles. A frower of iron, for cleauing of lath,
with rol for a sawpit, good husbandry hath.

9 A short saw, and long saw, to cut a two logs,
an axe and an adz, to make trosse for thy hogs:
A douercourt beetle, and wedges with steele,
strong leuer to raise vp, the blocke from the wheele.

Plough furniture. 16 Two ploughs & a plough cheine, ii. coulters, iii. shares,
with ground clouts, & shoe clouts, for soile that so tares:
With arbawes, and ox yokes, and other thinges mo,
for axe teeme, and horse teeme, in plough for to go.

11 A plough beetle, plough staffe, to further the plough,
great clod to asunder, that breaketh so rough:
A sled for a plough, and another for blocks,
for chimney in winter to burne vp their docks.

12 Sedge collars for plough horse, for tightnes of necke,
good seed, and good sower, and also seed pecke:
Strong oxen and horses, wel shod and wel clad,
well meated and bled for making thee sad.

Harnest tooles. 13 A barlie rake toothed, with frow and steele,
like paire of harrowes, and roller both meete:
A sling for a mother, a bow for a boy,
a whip for a carter, is hoigh de la roy.

14 A bush sith, and grasse sith, with rifle to stand,
a cradle for buckle, with rubstone and band:
Sharpe sickle and weeding hooke, bay, forke, and rake,
ame ake for the peale, and to fwing vp the brake.

15 Short

sser, Thos.

5 Shoꝛt rakes foꝛ to gather vp barlie to bind,
and greater to take vp such leauings behind:
rake foꝛ to rake vp the fitches that lie,
a pike foꝛ to pike them vp handsome to drie.

6 A skuttle oꝛ skreine, to rid soile fꝛo the corne,
and shearing sheares readie, foꝛ sheepe to be shorne:
foꝛke and a hooke to be tampring in claie,
a lath hammer, a trowel, a bob oꝛ a traie.

7 Strong yoke foꝛ a bag, with a twicher and rings,
with tar in a tarpot, foꝛ dangerous things:
sheepe marke, a tar kettle, kits oꝛ mitch,
two potties of tarre, to a pottle of pitch.

8 Long ladder to hang, all along by the wall,
to reach foꝛ a need to the top of a hall:
Beame, scales, with the weights that be sealed and true,
sharpe mouthpare with barbs, that the moules do sa rue.

9 Sharpe cutting spade, foꝛ the neuding of mois,
with skuppat and skauell, the marthmen allow:
sickle to cut with, a dishall and scome,
foꝛ draining of ditches, that noies thee at home.

10 A claueshocke, a rabbet shocke, carpenters craue,
and sealoned timber foꝛ pinnions to saue.
Jacke foꝛ to saw withe, fetter foꝛ fire,
foꝛ sparing of fire wood and sticks fꝛo the mire.

11 Soles, fetters, and shackles, with hoꝛseshocke and pad,
a cow horse foꝛ mother, so meet to be had:
flie foꝛ a boye, and a dogscote foꝛ dog,
a rock foꝛ thy hens, and a cauey foꝛ thy hog.

Here endeth husbandlie *furniture.*

Thresh seed, and to fanning September doth erie, Sowing of rie.
get plough to the fielde, and be sowing of rie:
to harrow the lands, per chaunce ye do like,
is one peece of husbandrie, Dunstone doth like.

10 Sowe timely thy white wheat, sow rie in the dust,
let seed haue hir longing, let stale haue hir lust:
Let rie be partaker of Michelmas spring,
to beare out the hardnes, that winter doth bring.

11 Some mixeth to miller, the rie with the wheat,
Tems loke on his table, to haue for to eate.
But sowe it not mixed, to growe for our lady,
least rie tarrie wheat, till it shed as it stand.

12 If saile do desire, to haue rie with the wheat,
by growing together, for safety more great:
Let white wheate be tone, be it deere be it cheape,
the sooner to ripe, for the sickle to reape.

13 Though beanes be in sowing, but scattered in,
yet wheat, rie, and peason, I loue not too thin:
Sowe barlie and otedge with a plentiful hand,
least weed stead of seed, ouergroweth thy land.

14 No sooner a sowing, but out by and by,
with mother or boy, that crieth and cry:
And let them be armed, with sling or with bow,
to scare away pigeon, the rooke and the crow.

15 Seed sowne, drain a furrow, the water to draine,
and dike vp such ends, as in harrys do remaine.
For driuing of cattell, or hauing that way,
which being preuented, ye hinder the pray.

Amend marsh wals. 16 Saint Michel doth bidde thee, attend the marsh wall,
the drecke and the crabhole, the fasteland and all.
One noble in season, bestowed theron,
may saue thee a hundred, yer winter be gon.

Gelding of rams. 17 Now geld with the gelder, the ram and the bull,
sew ponds, amend dams, and sell wedder thy wull:
Gathering of frutt. Dut frutt go and gather, but not in the deaw,
with crab and the walnut, for feare of a shrew.

18 The moone in the waine, gather frutt for to last,
but winter frutt gather, when Michel is past.
Though michers that loue not, to buy nor to craue,
make some gather sooner, else few for to haue.

19 Frutt

usser, Thos.

Fruit gathered too timely, will taſt of the wood,
will ſhrinke and be bitter, and ſtinking prone good:
So fruit that is ſtaken, or beat off a tree,
With bruſing in falling, ſome fautie will bee.

Now burne by the bees that thou mindeſt to driue, Driuing of Bees.
At Wholſunmer drive them, and ſaue them alriue:
Place hiue in good aire, left ſouthly and warme,
And take in due ſeaſon, wax, hony, and ſwarme.

Set hiue on a plancke, (not too low by the ground)
Where herbe with the flower, may compaſſe it round:
And bowes to defend it, from north and northeaſt,
From ſhowers and rubbiſh, from vermin and beaſt.

At Michelmas ſafely, go ſtie by thy baze,
Least ſtraieng abroad, ye do ſee him no more:
The ſooner the better, for Wallantine nie,
And better be brayned, if hard he do lie.

Whilſt baze for ſtill aire, as beſt ye do thinke,
And twice a day giue him, freſh water and drinke:
O diligent Tiffey, my dairy good wench,
Make cleanly his caben, for mealing and ſtench.

Now plucke by thy hempe, and go beat out the ſeed,
And afterward water it, as ye beſt need:
But not in the riuer, where cattel ſhould drinke,
For poiſoning of them, and the people with ſtinke. whitſt hempbeſt ſeed.

Hempe huſwifely vſed, looks cleereſte and brighſt,
And ſelleth it ſelfe, by the colour ſo white:
Some vſeth to water it, but ſome do it not,
Be ſkilful in dooing, for feare it do rot.

Wife into thy garden, and ſet me a plot,
With ſtrawberie roots, of the beſt to be got:
Such growing abroad, among thorns in the wood,
Well choſen and picked, prooue excellent good.

The barbery, reſpis, and gooſebery too, Gooſeberies, and reſpis.
Looke nowe to be planted, as other things doo:
The gooſebery, reſpis, and roſes, all three,
With ſtrawberies vnder them, trimly agree.

Gathering of mast.

28 To gather some mast it shall stand thee vpon,
with seruant and children, per mast be all gon:
Some left among bushes, that pleasure thy swine,
for feare of a mischiefe, keepe acorns fro kine.

29 For rooting of pasture, ring hog ye had need,
which being well ringles, the better doth feed:
Though young with their elders, will lightly keepe best,
yet spare not to ringle, both great and the rest.

Yoking of hogs.

30 Yoke seldome thy swine, while shacktime doth last,
for diuers misfortunes, that happen too fast:
Or if ye do fansie, whole care of the hog,
giue care to ill neighbor, and care to his dog.

31 Keepe hog I aduise thee, from medow and corne,
for out a lowd crying, that ere he was borne:
Such lawles so haunting, both often and long,
if dog set him chaunting, he doth thee no wrong.

Ringling of hogs.

32 Where loue among neighbors, doth beare any stroke,
while shacke time inureth, men vse not to yoke:
Yet surely ringling, is needful and good,
til frost do inuite them, to brakes in the wood.

33 Get home with thy brakes, yet summer be gon,
for tedded cattel, to sit thereupon:
To couer thy houell, to brew and to bake,
to lie in the bottome, where houell ye make.

34 Now saw out thy timber, for bord and for pale,
to haue it vnshaken, and ready to sale:
Bestowe it and sticke it, and lase it aright,
to find it in March, to be ready in plight.

35 Saue slab of thy timber, for stable and stie,
for horse and for hog, the more eesilie to lie:
Saue sawdust, and brickdust, and ashes so fine,
for alley to walke in, with neighbor of thine.

Hedge breakers.

36 Keepe safelie and warely, thine vttermost fense,
with ope gap and breach hedge, do seldome dispense:
Such runabout prowlers, by night and by day,
see punished sharply, for prowling away.

37 At

Learne to know hefty prewier.

37 At noone fet blossetty, at night if it shine,
out trudgers then make shift, with hooke and with hatchet,
whiles Gillot his bloud is a pulling for coyne,
sir Hebris a tugging, for gate or for mare.

38 Such stalke with a hacke, or a crabstaffe cut,
that openion quickly, if any thing rise:
Then squatters the maister, or trudgeth awaie,
and after dog runneth, as fast as he maie.

39 Some prowleth for fewell, and some awaie trig,
fat gowse and fat capon, ducke, hen, and fat pig.
Some prowleth for acorns, to fat by their howse,
for corne and for apples, and all that is thine.

Thus endes Septembers husbandrie.

¶ Octobers abstract.

Chap. 16.

Ay dzie vp and round,
for barlie thy ground.

Tis late doth kill,
for sowne is as ill.

Haits little and great,
picke cleane seed wheat.
Good ground doth craue,
choise seed to haue.
Flailes lustilie shwack,
least plough seed lack.

Seed first go fetch,
for saith or eth,
soile perfectlie knowe,
yer eithly ye sowe.

Wilthe wheat if ye please,
sow now vpon pease,
sow first the best,
and then the rest.

6 Who soweth in raine,
hath worke to his paine.
But yonge shall be spade,
that sowe shall seed.

7 Now better than later,
drie shore is for water.
Some crabbes God sonne,
sekenesse to hanne.

8 Eche soile to haue,
for euerie graine.
Though soile be but bad,
some corne must be had.

9 Naught proue, naught graue,
naught weare, naught paie.

10 One crop, and awaie,
some cunning may saie.

11 All grauell and sand,
is not for the land.

A rottentie mould,
is land worth gold.

12 Wilt thy wheat to flourish,
good lesson is written.

13 The judgement of some,
how shyttles do come.

14 A judgement right,
of land in plight.
land all for corne,
not good for corne.

15 Land barren doth beare,
small straw, short eare.

16 Here maist thou reed,
for sotle what seed.

17 Tis tride erie howre,
best graine most flowre.

18 Grosse corne much bran,
the baker doth ban.

19 What croppers be,
here learne to lie.

20 Fell after crop much,
but noddins and such.

21 Some woodland may crake,
three crops he make take.

22 First barlie, then peale,
then wheat it pepleate.

23 Two crops and awale,
must champion sute.

24 Where barlie in grouve,
late wheat to lowe.
yet better I thinke,
sowe peasle after drinke,
And then if ye please,
sowe wheat at your ease.

25 What champion knowes,
that erthes sowes.

26 First haulte per rie,
then peasle by and bye,
Then fallow for wheat,
is husbandrie great.

27 A remedie sent,
where peasle lacke vent.
Fat peasle-fed swine,
for dower is fine.

28 Ech diuers sotle,
hath diuers totle.

29 Some countries vse,
that some refuse.

30 For wheat in land,
where water doth stande,
sowe peasle a dredge,
beleeue me that redge.

31 Sowe acorns to proue,
that timber do loue.

32 Sowe hastings now,
if land it allow.

33 Learne some to get,
a good quickset.

34 For feare of the worst,
make fast alwaie furst.

35 Fat that no more,
ye keepers store.

36 Hide rotten in graue,
lesse noisance to haue.

37 Hog meafled bill,
for Flemings that will.

38 With peasebolt and brake,
some hyrne and bake.

39 Old

Din corne worth gold,
so kept as it should.
o much profit is kept,
by sloes well kept.
Kepe sloes vpon dow,
for fire of thy corn.
Of bergs & hare,
peyze cattell to fare.
Thus endeth October.
fast, agreeing with Octobers
husbandry.

Other shorte remembrances.

is hane an ele,
boze in stie.
y malt ill kept,
all profit is kept.
tepa ringle thy hog,
feare of a dog.
e straw vp stacke,
ll shacker do lacke.
heat straw dyte fame,
cattell to hame.
ll heat thatte lais vp dyke,
fafetie to lie.

Thus ends Octobers short remembrances.

Octobers husbandry.

Chap. 12.

Octobers good
To tibbs he bestowes

Din lay vp thy barlie land, but eat ye corne
when ether ye fow

Oct.

Get dallie afore hand, be neuer behind,
least winter preuent thee, do alter thy mind.

2 Who tilleth on fallow, for lone or for wet,
with notable rowme, ouer barlie beset,
For weed and the water, so soketh and sucks,
that goodnes from either, it vtterly plucks.

Wheat sowing.

3 Greene rie in September, when timely thou hast,
October for wheat sowing, calleth as fast.
If weather will suffer, this counsel I giue,
leaue sowing of wheat, before Hallowmas eue.

4 Where wheat vpon eatith, ye mind to bestowe,
let that be the first, of the wheat ye do sowe,
He seemeth to hart it, and comfort to bring,
that giueth it comfort, at Michelmas spring.

Best where first sowne.

5 White wheat vpon peale etch, doth grow as he would,
but fallow is best, if we did as we should:
Yet where, how and when, ye intend to begin,
let euer the finest, be first sowen in.

6 Who soweth in raine, he shal reape it with teares,
who soweth in harmes, hath euer in feares.
Who soweth ill seed, or defraudeth his land,
hath eie sore abroad, with a corsie at hand.

7 Seed husbandly sowne, water furrow the ground,
that raine when it commeth, may runne away round:
Then stir about Steall, with arrowe and bowe,
take penie for killing, of euerie crowe.

A digression to the vilage of diuers countries concerning tillage.

8 Ech soile hath no thing, of euerie grane,
nor barlie and wheat, is for euerie vane:
Yet knowe I no country, so barren of soile,
but some kind of grane, may be gotten with toile.

9 In Branthan, where rie, but no barlie did grow,
good barlie I sawe, and a friend did it sowe:
Fiue seame of an aker, I truelie was paid,
for thirtie lode mucke, of ech aker so laid.

In Suffolke againe, whereas wheat neuer grew,
good husbandry vses, good wheate and I knew:
his prouerbe, experience long agoe gaue,
that nothing who practiseth, nothing shall haue.

As grateli and fatte, is foxie and not wheat,
so pæseth hir burthen, to tone the more great:
a peasan and beastie, delight not in fatte,
but rather in clate, or in tacteney batte.

Wheat sometime is sleelie or burnt as it growes,
for pride or for pouertie, practise so knowes:
so lustie of courage, for wheat both not well,
nor after sir peter, he loueth to dwell.

Much wetnes, long tasting, and land out of hart,
makes thistles a number, for thrift to vpstart:
thistles so growing, proue lustie and long,
it signifieth land to be lustie and strong.

As land full of tilth, and in harde good plight,
pælds blade to a length, and increasith straight:
so crop vpon crop, and a whole courageous bought:
pælds blade for a brag, but it poleth not out.

The straw and the eare, to haue bignes and length,
betokeneth land, to be good and in strength:
eare be but short, and the straw be but small,
it signifieth barenes, and barrennesse withall.

White wheat, or elle red, crimsen or white,
barre passeth all other, for land that is light:
White pollard or red, that so richly is set,
for land that is heauie, is best yet can get.

Maine wheat that is mixed with white and with red,
is next to the best in the market that needs bed:
so Turkey or Duckie wheat many do loue,
because it is flourie, as others aboue.

Grasse wheat is the greatest, yet good for the plaste,
though thrift for the market, as farmer may taste:
Such like bird die, be his properties found,
sowre flower, much bran, and a perle of ground.

19 Otes

19 Pease, rie, or else barlie and wheat that is gray,
bringes land out of comforte, and some to decay:
One after another, no comfort betweene,
is crop upon crop, as well quickly be seene.

Crop upon crop.

20 Still crop upon crop carelesse farmers do take,
and reape little profit, for greedinesse sake.
Though breadcorne and drinkcorne such croppers do stande,
count pease or beanes, as a comforte to lande.

21 Good land that is severall, crops may have three,
in champion countrie it may not so be:
Tone taketh his season, as commoners maie,
the tother with reason maie otherwise saie.

22 Some bleth at first, a good fallow to make,
to sowe thereon barlie, the better to take:
Next that to sowe pease, and of that to sowe wheat,
then fallow againe, or lie late for thy neat.

23 First rie and then barlie, the champion saies,
or wheat before barlie, the champion maies:
But drinke before breadcorne, old husbandlesse men,
then laie on more compas, and fallow again.

24 Where barlie ye sowe, after rie or else wheat,
if land be unlustie, the crop is not great:
So lose yee your cost, to your coste and smart,
and land overburdened is clene out of hart.

25 Exceptions take, of the champions land,
from lieng along, from that at thy hand:
(Just by) ye may comfort, with compas at will,
far off ye must comfort, with labour and skill.

26 Where rie or else wheat, either barlie ye sowe,
let codware be nere, thereupon for to growe:
Thus having two crops, thereof codware is tone,
thou hast the lesse need, to lay cost thereupon.

27 Some far fro the market, maie dight not to please,
for that erie champion, doth seeme not to please.
If vent of the market place, serue thee not well,
set hogs up a fatting, to sputter to sell.

28 Two

Two crops of a fallow, ere thou the plough,
though tone be of pease, it is
he crop and a fallow, doth soile well manie,
where if ye go twyer, late proffits arise.

Where pease ye haue, and a fallow therein,
sowe wheate ye may well, after the crop:
ew broken vp fallow, with
ouermuch dunged, for wheat is not best.

Where water all winter, abideth too much,
bestow not thy wheat, vpon such
ut rather sowe otes, or else
gray pease or tares, sowen
Sowe acorns ye owners, that chuse do loue,
sowe haue and rie with them, the better to proue:
cattel or conie, come enter
yong Oke is in danger, of
Who pesloys deligheth, to haue with the furst,
if now he do sow them, it
he greenest thy pasture, and
more lustie the later, more plentie
Go plow by in deuise, with
the breth of a forge, and
where sheepe quickest, for
to sow in the seed of the
Though plentie of acorns, the
not taken in season, may perish be that:
rating or swelling, get once in thy
thou loseth thy porkin, a custome too groat.
Whatsoeuer thing hurts, againe if it fall,
thou venture the thing, and the
The latter the better, to sell or to kill,
but not to continue, make proofe if ye will.
Whatsoeuer thing dieth, go burie or burne,
for tainting of ground, or a worser ill turne:
such pestilent smell, of a carrenlie thing,
to cattell and people, great perill may bring.

Sowing of acorns.

A disease in fat hogs.

Warieng of dead cattell.

37 Thy measeled bacon, hog, sowse, or thy boze,
shut vp for to beate, for infecting thy store:
Or kill it for bacon, or sowse it to sell,
for Flemming that loues it so daintie well.

38 With strawwisp, & peaseholt, with ferns & the basse,
for spacing of fewell, some hetu and ben bake)
And beateth then copper, for seething of graines,
good seruant rewarded, refuseth no paines.

old wheat better than new.

39 Good breadcorne and drinkecorne, full xx. weekes kept,
is better than new, that at harueſt is rept:
But foistie the breadcorne, and bowdeaten malt,
for health or for profit, find noisome thou shalt.

10 By the end of October, go gather vp sloes,
haste thou in a readines, plentie of those:
And keepe them in bedstraw, or still on the bow,
to stay both the flix, of thy selfe and thy cow.

A medicine for the cow flix.

41 Seeth water, and plumpe therein plenty of sloes,
mire chalke that is wied, in powder with those:
Which so if ye giue, with the water and chalke,
thou makest the lax, fro thy cow away walke.

42 Be sure of vergis (a gallon at the least)
so good for the kitchin, so needfull for beast:
It helpeth thy taffell, so tackle and faint,
if timelie such taffell, with it thou acquaint.

Thus endeth Octobers husbandry.

¶ Nouembers Abstract.

Chap. 18.

LEt hog once fat,
lose nothing of that.
When mast is gon,
hog falleth anon,
still fat vp some,
till thy one tide come.
Saw pork and sowse,
beares tacke in house.

2 Wet barlie to malting,
late fitches to saltings.
Thresh out pease to beastlie,
much bacon to roastlie.

3 Some winnow some fan,
some cast that can.
In casting prouide,
for seed late aside.

4 Thy

hzesh barlie thou shalt,
a chapman to malt.
else shzesh no moze,
nt for thy stoze.

il March thzesh wheat,
nt as ye do eat:
eall baker forsake it,
foulkines take it.

chaffe in bin,
akes hozse loke thin.

owe haskings now,
t haskings allow.

ey bute it full deere,
winter that reare.

w sowles, lesse swine,
re now friend mine.

hat losse, what scare,
ough rauening curre.

ake Martilmas beese,
re meat is a theese,

set garlike and peaze,
nt Edmond to please.

hen raine tales place,
thzesh apace.

ad bzaine, to rough,
ars all at plough.

ith flaile and whips,
t hen short skips.

ome thzesh by talke,
steale and not aske.

ch thzesthers at night,
akes seldome home light.

ome come alwaie lag,
bottle and bag.

ome steales for a tell,
s out of the nell.

16 Laie stower vp drie,
in order to lie.
Make hallocke dooth traue,
fresh straw to haue.

17 Make wekely vp stower,
though thzesthers be lower.
Laie graine in dore,
and turne it oft.

18 For mucke regard.
make cleane soule yard.
Lay straw to rot,
in watrie plot.

19 Hedloug vp plow,
for compas inow.

20 Set herbes gode store,
french garden more.

21 At midnight trie,
soule paules to sie.

22 Mend chimney of soot,
from top to the foot.

23 In stable put now,
thy hostes for plow.

24 Good housekeper will,
laie mucke vpon hill.

25 Cut mulchis that staw,
so thicke vpon lawe.

Thus endeth Nouembers abstract, agreeing with Nouem. husbandry.

Other short remembrances.

Get pole bay mine,
beat hiwes to swine.
Dzue hog to the wood,
bzake rots be good.

For

For mischeefe that falls,
looke well to marsh wals.
Drie later get neat,
and plentie of meat.

Good neighbour mine,
ring well the swine.
Such winter may serue,
hog ringles will sterue.

Curst cattel that nurteth,
poore vennell soone hurteth.

In frost keepe dog,
from hunting of hog.

Here ends Nouembers short remembrance.

¶ Nouembers husbandrie.
Chap. 17.

November take flaile,
Let ship no more saile.

Forgotten monthy ball.
Dig now at the last.

1 At Hallontide, slaughtertime entereth in,
and then doth the husbandmans feasting begin,
From thence vnto shrouetide, kill now and then some,
their offal for houshold, the better will come.

2 Thy drege and thy barlie, go thresh out to malt,
let maltster be cunning, else lose it thou shalt.
The increase of a seame, is a bushel for sure,
bad else is the barlie, or badwife mine moare.

3 Some vseth to winnow, some vseth to fan,
some vseth to cast it as cleane as they can:
For seed go and cast it, for malting not so,
but get out the cockle, and then let it go.

Threshing of barlie.

4 Thresh barlie as yet, but as need shal require,
fresh threshed for louer, thy cattel desire.
And therefore thatchrefting, forbeare as ye may,
till Candlemas comming, for sparing of hay.

Threshing of wheat.

5 Such wheat as ye keepe, for the baker to bitle,
vnthreshed til March, in the sheafe let it lie:
Least foistines take it, if sooner ye thresh it,
although by oft turning, ye seeme to refreshit.

Chaffe of corne.

6 Saue chaffe of the barlie, of wheat and of rie,
from fethers and foistines, where it doth lie:
Which mixed with corne, being sifted of dust,
go giue to thy cattel, when serue them ye must.

7 Gree

Greene peason or hallmes at Hollantide sowe,
a harty good sosie, be rewarded to growe:
ny peason or tuftes a cheefely to haue,
e Candlemas sow them a plentifull hand.

Leaue lateward ny reaches keepe none no more swine,
t such as thou mast, with the offall of thine,
cept ye haue inclosures, to set them away,
e fewer thou keepest, keepe better thou may.

o reare up much pultrie, and want the barne doore,
s naught for the pulter, and worse for the poore:
now to keepe hogs, and to fierce them for meat,
as to keepe dogs, for to bayte in the streat.

s rare a good mouser, as the stall in house,
cause for her commons, she killeth the mouse:
rauening cates, as a meany be keepe,
akes maister louer meat, and his dog to kill sheepe.

For Easter at Martilmas bang up a beefe:
Martilmas beefe.
shall fed with sweete hay, play at quirke the cheefe:
ith that a fatte swine, yee prouide before come in,
y folk shal laude cheefely, when others loke thin.

Set garlike and beanes, at S. Edmond the king,
¶ Set garlike and beanes.
e moone in [illegible] thereon hangeth a thing:
e increase of a penie, (set [illegible] time come.
all pleasure thy barnes, yet pleasure time come.

Whereas is a lettuce thy borage neede,
thesbats a fine herbe, for hony good lode:
esh cleane ye must boil them, though better they yarne,
a looking to [illegible] all ere to be borne.

Take heede [illegible]
th plough [illegible] for making thy meat,
thereof for [illegible] with oats mixte,
making thy hen, to play the pie by tuite.

Some pulling thereof for [illegible] a taste,
Cow keepers.
ll carry home [illegible]
some in her bottle [illegible]
ll curry home daily, both barly and wheat.

16 If houſe rome will ſerue thee, lay ſhoure vp drie,
and euery ſort, by it ſelfe for to lie.
Or ſtacke it for litter, if rome be to ſcant,
and thatch out the reſidue, noting the want.

17 Cattle weekelie thy threſher, to worke vp his ſhower,
Though ſlothful and pilferer, thereat do lower.
Take tub for a ſeaſon, take ſacke for a ſhift,
yet garner for graine, is the better for thrift.

18 All maner of ſtraw, that is ſcattered in yard,
good huſbandly huſbands, haue daily regard,
In pit full of water, the ſame to bellow,
where lying to rot, thereof profit may growe.

19 Now plough vp thy headlond, or delue it with ſpade,
where otherwiſe profit, but little is made:
And caſt it vp high, vpon hillockes to ſtand,
that winter may rot it, to compaſſe thy land.

¶ Trenching of gardens.

20 If garden require it, now trench it ye may,
one trench not a yard, from another go laie:
Which being wel filled, with mucke by and by,
go couer with mould, for a ſeaſon to lie.

21 Foule priuies are now, to be cleanſed and ſoe,
let night be appointed, ſuch bagmate to bide:
Which buried in garden, in trenches of laine,
ſhall make beries many things, better to growe.

22 The chimney all ſoty, would now be made cleane,
for feare of miſchances, too oftentimes ſeene:
Old chimney and ſoty, if fier once take,
by burning and breaking, ſome miſchiefe may make.

23 When ploughing is ended and huſbandry neat,
then ſtable thy horſes, and tend them with meate:
Let ſeaſon be drie, when ye take them to houſe,
for danger of nits, or for feare of a louſe.

Hauing of beans.

24 Lay compaſſe by handſomlie, rounds on a hill,
to walke in thy yard, at thy pleaſure and will:
More compaſſe it maketh, and handſome the plot,
if houſekeeper daily forgetteth it not.

25 Wal

Make hillocks of molehills in field throughout,
and so to remaine, till the peare go about:
Make also the like, whereas plots be too die,
all winter a rotting, for compas to lie.

Thus endeth nouembers husbandrie.

Decembers abstract.

Chap. 20.

NO season to hedge,
get beetle and wedge.

Leaue logs now all,
for kitchen and hall.

Pull working toles,
mend courage coles.

Leaue off tittle tattle,
to serue your cattle.

Serue yong pore elues,
none by them selues.

Warme barth for neat,
doth halse their meat.

The elder that nurteth,
the yonger none hurteth.

House coin that is old,
while winter doth hold.

Put once in a date,
for drinke and to plaie.

Get trustie to serue,
all cattel do sterue,
and such as indeed,
may helpe at an need.

Obserue this lawe,
in serving out strawe.

In walking about,
and forke spie out.

10 At ful and at change,
spring tides are strange.
If doubt ye stray,
driue cattel away.

11 Danke ling forgot,
will quickly rot.

12 Here learne and try,
to turne it and drie.

13 Now flocks remoue,
that orchards loue.

14 Set flocks to growe,
no thicke nor to low.
Set now as they come,
both cheerie and plome.

15 Sheepe, hog, and ill beast
bids flocke to ill feast.

16 At Christmas is good,
to let thy horse blood.

17 Marke here that rable,
of euils in fable.

18 Spare wel (old gaffe)
horse corne with chaffe.
Let Jacke nor Gill,
fetch corne at will.

19 Some countries gift,
to make hard thrift.

Some cattel wel fare,
with fitches and tare.
Fitches and tares,
be Norfolke wares.

20 Tares threshed with skill,
bestow as ye will.

21 Hide strawberies wise,
to saue their life.

22 Knot border at all,
now couer ye shall.

23 Helpe bees sweet conie,
with liquor and honie.

24 Get campers a ball,
to campe therewithall.

Thus endeth Decembers abstract, agreeing with Decembers husbandrie.

Other short remembrances.

Let Christmas spie,
yeard cleane to lie.
No labour no sweat,
go labour for heat.

Fed dones but kill not,
if strowe them ye will not.
Fat hog (yer ye kill it)
or else ye do spill it.

Put ore in stall,
yer ore do fall.
Who seeth his graines,
hath profit for paines.

Kid garden of mallow,
plant willow and sallow.

Let bore life render,
see brawne sod tender.

For wise fruit bie,
for Christmas pie.

Ill bread and ill drinke,
makes many ill thinke.
Both meat and cost,
ill dressed halfe lost.

Who hath therewithall,
may cheere when he shall,
But charged man,
must there as he can.

Thus endeth Decembers short remembrances.

Decembers husbandry.

Chap. 21.

O dirtie december,
For Christmas remember.

Forgotten month past,
Do now at the last.

Beetle and wedges.

When frost will not suffer, to dike and to hedge,
then get thee a heat, with thy beetle and wedge.
Once Hallomas come, and a fire in the hall,
such sluers do well, for to lie by the wall,

2 Be

Tusser, Thos.

Set grindstone and whetstone, for toole that is dull,
Is often be letted, and fret bellie full:
Wheelebarrow also, be readie to haue,
At hand of thy seruant, thy compasse to saue.

Giue cattel their fodder, in plot drie and warme,
And count them for miring, or other like harme:
Yong coltes with thy kemels, together go serue,
Least lurched by others, they happen to sterue.

The racke is commended, for sauing of dong,
So set as the old cannot mischiefe the yong:
A tempest (the wind being northly or east),
Warme barth vnder hedge, is a succour to beast.

The housing of cattell, whyle winter doth hold,
Is good for al such, as are feeble and old:
It saueth much compas, and many a sleepe,
And spareth the pasture, for walke of thy sheepe.

For charges so little, much quiet is won,
If strongly and handsomly, al things be don:
But vse to vntackle them, once in a daie,
To rub and to licke them, to drinke and to plaie.

Get trustie to tend them, not lubberlie squire,
That al the day long hath his nose at the fire:
For trust vnto children, poore cattell to feed,
But such as be able to helpe at a need.

Serue riestrawe out first, then whe at straw and pease,
Then ote straw and barlie, then haie if ye please:
But serue them with haie, whyle the straw slouer last,
When loue they no straw, they had rather to fast.

Pokes, forkes, and such other, let bailie spie out,
And gather the same, as he walketh about:
And after at leasure, let this be his hier,
To beath them and trim them, at home by the fier.

As wel at the ful, of the moone as the change,
If rages in winter, be suddenly strange:
Then looke to thy marshes, if doubt be to fray,
For feare of (Ne force) haue cattel awaie.

Folks and pokes.

11 Both saltfish and lingfish (if any ye haue)
thrugh shifting and drying, from rotting go saue:
Least winter with moistnes, do make it relent,
and put it in hazard, before it be spent.

How to vse ling and haberdin.

13 Brome fagot is best, to drie haberdin on,
late bord vpon ladder, if fagots be gon:
For breaking (in turning) haue verie good eie,
and blame not the wind, so the weather be drie.

13 Good fruit and good plentie, doth well in the loft,
then make thee an orchard, and cherish it oft:
For plant or for stocke, late aforehand to cast,
but set or remoue it, yer Christmasse be past.

An orchard point

14 Set one fro another, ful fortie foote wide,
to stand as he stood, is a part of his pride:
More faire, more worthie, of cost to remoue,
more steadie ye set it, more likelie to proue:

15 To teach and vnteach, in a schole is vnmeet,
to do and vndo, to the purse is vnsweet:
Then orchard or hoppard, so trimmed with cost,
should not thorough follie, be spoiled and lost.

Letting horse blood.

16 Yer Christmas be passed, let horse be let blood,
for many a purpose, it doth them much good:
The day of S. Steuen, old fathers did vse,
if that do mislike thee, some other day chuse.

17 Looke wel to thy horses, in stable thou must,
that haie be not foistie, nor chaffe full of dust:
Breeding of the bots.
Nor stone in their prouender, feather nor clots,
nor fed with green peason, for breeding of bots.

18 Some horsekeeper, lasheth out prouender so,
some Gillian spendall, so often doth go:
For hogs meat, and hens meat, for that and for this,
that corne loft is emptied, yer chapman hath his.

19 Some countries are pinched, of medowes for hay,
yet ease it with fitches, as well as they may:
Which inned and threshed, and husbandly dight,
keepes labouring cattle, in verie good plight.

20 In

20 In threshing out ſitches, one point I will ſhew,
firſt threſh out ſix ſeuen of the ſitches a fewe:
Threſh fewe for thy plowbooke, threſh cleane for thy corne,
this order in Nouember, good husbands allowe.

21 If froſt do continue, take this for a law,
the ſtrawberies loue, to be couered with ſtraw:
Land ouerlie trim, vppon crotches and cowes,
and after vncouered as weather allowes.

22 The gilliflower alſo, the ſkilfull do know,
doth looke to be couerd, in froſt and in ſnow:
The knot and the border, and roſemary gay,
do craue the like huſcoue, for dying away.

23 Go looke to thy bees, if thy hiue be too light,
ſet water and honie, with coletnary dight:
Which ſet in a diſh, full of ſticks in the hiue,
from danger of famine, ye ſaue them aliue.

¶ How to preſerue bees.

24 In medow or paſture (to growe the more fine)
ſet campers be comping, in any of thine:
Which if ye do ſuffer, when low is the ſpring,
you gaine to your ſelfe, a commodious thing.

Thus endeth Nouembers husbandrie.

A digreſſion to hoſpitality.

Chap. 22

LEaue husbandry ſleeping, a while ye muſt do,
to learne of houſekeeping a leſſon or two.
What euer is ſent thee, by labour and paine,
a time there is lent thee, to vſe it againe.
Although ye defend it, vnthrift for to be,
another ſhall ſpend it, no thanke vnto thee,
How euer we clime, to accomplith the mind,
we haue but a time, thereof profit to find.

A deſcription of time, and the yeare.

Chap. 23.

OF God to thy doings, a time there is ſent,
which endeth with time, that in doing is ſpent:

For time is it selfe, but a time for a time,
Forgotten ful soone, as a time of a shyme.
In spring time we reare, we sow and we plant,
in Summer get victels, least after we want:
In harueſt we carry in corne, and the fruit,
in winter to spend, as we need of each suit.

The yeare I compare, as I find for a truth,
the spring vnto childhood, the Summer to youth:
The harueſt to manhood, the winter to age,
al quickly forgot, as a plaie on the stage.

Time past is forgotten, yet men be aware,
time present is thought on, with wonderfull care.
Time comming is feared, and therefore we saue,
yet oft yer it come, we be gone to the graue.

A description of life and riches.
Chap. 24.

Who liuing, but daily discerne it he may,
how life as a shadow, doth vanish away:
And nothing to count on, so sure to ensue,
as sure of death, and to turne to dust.

The lands and the riches, that here we possesse,
be none of our owne, if a God we professe:
But lent vs of him: as his talent of gold,
which being demanded, who can it withhold?

God maketh no writing, that iustly doth say,
how long we shal haue it, a yeare or a day:
But leaue it we must (how lo euer we leeue,)
When Atrop shal plucke vs from hence by the sleeue.

To death we must stoope, be we hie be we lowe,
but how and how suddenly, few be that know:
What carrie we then, but a sheet to the graue,
to couer this carcase, of al that we haue?

Atrop or death.

A description of housekeeping.
Chap. 25.

What then of this talent, while here we remaine,
but studdy to yeeld it, to God with a gaine,

And

Tusser, Thos.

And that shall we boo, to we wot it not how,
but vse and bestow it, as Christ doth vs bid.

What gest to get riches, by breaking of sleepe,
but hauing the same, as good hearte for to keepe,
Not only for vsing, your selues for to please,
but also the poore to relieue of their ease.

Of all other goodes, beside keeping is cheefe,
for daily it helpeth, the poore with reliefe:
The neighbor, the stranger, and all that haue need,
which causeth the goodes the better to speed.

Though harken to this, we should neuer among,
yet cheefely at Christmas, of all the yeare long:
God cause of that vse, may appeare by the name,
though nigardly nigards, do kicke at the same.

A description of the feast of the birth of Christ, commonly called Christmasse. Chap. 26.

Of Christ cõmeth Christmas, the name with the feast,
a time full of ioy, to the greatest and least:
At Christmas was Christ our Sauior borne,
the world through him, altogether to redeme.

At Christmas the dayes do begin to take length,
of Christ doth religion, chiefely take strength:
As Christmas is onely, a figure or type,
so onely is Christ, the strength of our hope.

At Christmas we banket, the rich with the poore,
who then put the out, but openly shut doore:
At Christmas of Christ, merry carolles we sing,
and giue roome vnto, in the ioy of that thing.

At Christmas in Christ, we reioice and be glad,
as onely of whome, our comfort is had:
At Christmas [illegible]
for this is [illegible]

A description of apt time to spend.
Chap. 27.

Let euery [illegible]
nor any thing [illegible]

Giue place to the time, that so meet we do see,
appointed of God, as it seemeth to be.

At Christmas good husbands, haue come on the ground.
in barne and in soller, two thrash and a pound:
With plenty of other things, Cattel and sheepe,
al sent them no doubt, good houses to keepe.

At Christmas the hardnes, of winter doth rage,
a griper of all things, and specially age:
Then lightly poore people, the young with the old,
be sorest oppressed, with hunger and cold.

At Christmas by labor, is little to get:
that wanting, the poorest in danger are set,
What season then better, of all the whole yeare,
thy needy poore neighbor, to comfort and cheere?

Against fantastical scrupulousnesse.

Chap. 28.

AT this time & that time, some make a great matter:
some help not but hinder, the poore with their clatter,
Take customs from feasting, what commeth then last:
where one hath a dinner, a hundred shall fast.

To dog in the manger, some like I could,
that hay will eate none, nor let other that would:
Some scarse in a yeare, giue a dinner or two,
nor well can abide, any other to do.

Play then the good fellow, scarse none to mislearne,
disdaine not the good, though meanly they seeme;
For oftentimes see we, no more very a knaue,
then he that doth counterfet, most to be praise.

Christmas husbandly fare.

Chap. 29.

GOod husbands and housewifes, now chiefly be glad,
things pleasant to haue, as the purse can be had:
They both prouide, against Christmas do come,
to welcome good neighbor, good cheere to haue some.

Good bread and good drinke, a good fier in the hall,
brawne, pudding and souse, and good mustard withall:

Beefe

Beefe, mutton and porke, shread pies of the best,
pig, veale, goose and capon, and turkey well drest,
Cheese, apples and nuts, iolie carols to heare,
as then in the country is counted good cheere.

What cost to good husband, is any of this?
good housholde prouision, onely it is:
Of other the like, I leaue out a menie,
that costeth the husbandman, neuer a penie.

¶ A Christmas Carol of the birth of Christ, *vpon the tune of king Salomon.*

Chap. 30.

WAs not Christ our Sauiour,
sent to vs from God aboue,
not for our good behauiour:
but only of his mercie and loue.
If this be true as true it is,
truly finde it:
great thanks to God to yeeld for this,
then had we need.

2 This did our God for very troth,
to traine to him the soule of man,
and fully to performe the oth:
to Sara and to Abraham than,
That through his seed all nations should,
most blessed be:
As in due time performe he would,
as now we see.

3 Which wondrously is brought to pas,
and fit our light already done,
by sending as his promise was,
to comfort vs his onely sonne,
euen Christ (I meane) that virgins child,
in Bethlem borne:
that lambe of God, that prophet mild,
long promised thorne.

¶ Such,

4 Such was his loue to saue vs all,
from danger of the curse of God,
that we stood in by Adams fall,
and by our owne deserued rod,
That through his bloud and holy name,
who so beleeues:
and flie from sinne and abhor the same,
free mercie he giues.

5 For these glad newes this feast doth bring,
to God the Sonne and holy ghost,
let man giue thanks, reioice and sing:
from world to world, from coast to coast,
For all good gifts so many waies,
that God doth send:
let vs in Christ giue God the praise,
til life shall end.

T. Tusser.

At Christmas be merrie, and thankfull withall,
And feast thy poore neighbours the great with the small:
yea al the yeare long, to the poore let vs giue,
Gods blessing to follow vs whiles we do liue.

¶ Ianuaries abstract.

Chap. 51.

BId Christmas adew,
thy stocke nowe renewe

2 Who killeth a neat,
hath cheaper his meat.
Fat home fed swine,
is good in a house.

2 Who dainties loue,
a beggar shall proue.
Who alwaie sels,
4 in hunger dwels.
Who nothing saues,
shall nothing haue.

5 Late wet vpon heapes,
some profit it wrapes,
when weather is hard,
get mucke out of yard.
A fallowe bestowe,
vpo ye peale shall growe.
good pease and wheate,
a fallow will gette.

6 Go gather quickset,
the youngest to get.
dig garden, strop, mallow,
set willow and fallow.

Greene

Tusser, Thos.

Gréene willow for stake,
in banke will take.

7 Let dow go to burke,
with conis good lucke.
spare labour for monie.
store boroughwith conie,
Get warrener bound,
to vermine thy ground.
Fæd doues but kill not,
if lose them ye will not.
Doue house repaire,
make doue hole faire,
For hop ground cold,
doue dung worth gold.

8 God gardiner mine,
make garden fine,
Set garden pease,
and beanes if ye please,
Set respis and role,
yong rots of thole.

9 The tinnetie buter,
hath cheaper his fier.

10 Some burns without wit,
some sterlesse sit:

11 Nowe season is good,
to lop or fell wood.
Prune trées some allowes,
for cattell to browse.

12 Giue shéep to their tées,
the missle of trées.

13 Let lop be shorne,
that hinder corne.
Saue edder and stake,
strong hedge to make.

14 For sap as ye knowe,
let one bough grow.
Nert yeare ye may,
that bough cut awaie.

15 A lesson good,
to increase more wood.

16 Saue crotches of wood,
saue spars and stud.
Saue hop for his dole,
the strong long pole.

17 Howsuer ye scotch,
saue pole and crotch.

18 From Christmas to May,
weake cattel decay.

19 With bergis acquaint,
poore bullocke so faint:
This medicine approued
is for to be loued.

20 Let plaister lie,
three daies to drie.
Too long if ye staie,
taile rots awaie.

21 Ewes readie to yeane,
cranes ground rid cleane,
keepe shéepe out of briers,
keepe beast out of miers.

22 Keepe bushes from bill,
till hedge ye will.
Well had for thy turne,
their rots go and burne.

23 No bushes of mine,
if fence be tyme,

24 In stubbed plot,
fill hole with clot:

24 Rid grasse of bones,
of sticks and stones.

26 Warne

26 Warme barly giue lams,
good food to their dams.
Loke dailie well to the m,
least dogs vndo them.

27 Yong lambe well sold,
fat lambe worthy gold.

28 Keepe twins for breed,
as ewes haue need.

29 One calfe if it please ye,
nowe reared shall ease ye,
Calues likely reare,
at rising of yeare.
Calfe large and leane,
is best to weane.

30 Calfe lickt take awaie,
and house it ye maie,
this point I allowe,
for seruant and cowe.

31 Calues yonger than other,
learnes one of another.

32 No danger at all,
to geld as they fall,
yet Pichell cries,
please butchers eies.

33 Sow readie to fare,
craues huswiues care.

34 Leaue sow but fiue,
the better to thriue.

35 Weane such for store,
as sucks before.
Weane onelie but three,
large breeders to bee.

36 Lam, bulchin and pig,
geld vnder the big.

37 Learne wit sir dolt,
in gelding of colt.

38 Geld yong thy fillie,
else perish will ginnie.
Let gelding alone,
so large of bone.
By breathlie tits,
few profit hits.

39 Breed euer the best,
and do off the rest.
Of long and large,
take huswife a charge.

40 Good cow and good ground,
yeelds yeerelie a pound.
Good faring sow,
holds profit with cow.

41 Who keepes but twaine,
the more maygaine.

42 Tiesh iustlie good garson,
else driue will the parson

43 Thy garden t'wilfallow,
stroie hemlocke and mallow

44 Like practise they prowe,
that hops do loue.

45 Now make and wand in,
trim bower to stand in:
leaue wadling a bout,
till arbor be out.

46 Who now sowes otes,
gets gold and grotes.
Who sowes in Maie,
gets little that waie.

47 Go breake vp land,
get mattocke in hand.

Stub

Stub root so tough,
for breaking of plough.

48 What greater crime,
than losse of time.

49 Laie land for lease,
breake vp if ye please.
But fallow not yet,
that hast ante wit.

50 Where drinke ye lowe,
good tilth bestowe.

51 Small profit is found,
by peeling of ground.

52 Land past the best,
cast vp the rest.

Thus endeth Ianuaries abstract, agreeing with Ianuaries husbandrie.

Other short remembrances.

Get pulling bake sirs,
for broome and firs.
Plucke broome, broome still,
cut broome, broome kill.

Broome pluckt by and by,
breake vp for rie.
Friend ringle thy hog,
or loke for a dog.

In casking prouide,
for seed laie aside.
Get dong-friend mine,
for stocke and vine.

If earth be not soft,
go dig it aloft.
For quamire get boots,
stub alders and roots.

Hop poles war scant,
for poles no plant.
Set chesnut and walnut,
set filberd and smalnut.

Peach, plumtree and cherie,
young bate and his berrie.
Or set their stone,
vnset leaue out none.

Sowe kernels so beare,
of apple and peare.
All trées that beare gum,
set now as they cum.

Now set or remoue,
such stocks as ye loue.

Hereends Ianuaries short remembrances.

Of trees or roots to be set or remoued.

1 Apples trées of all sorts.
2 Apricocks.
3 Barberies.
4 Bullesse blacke and white
5 Cheries red and blacke
6 Chesnuts
7 Cornet plums
8 Damsens white and blacke
9 Filberds red and white
10 Gooseberies.
11 Grapes white and red
12 Gréene or grasse plums
13 Hurtleberies
14 Medlers or Parles.
15 Mulberies
16 Peaches white and red
17 Peares of all sorts
18 Pearplums blacke and yellowe.

19 Quince

19 Quince trees.
20 Respis
21 Reisons
22 Small nuts
23 Strawberies red and white
24 Seruice trées
25 Walnuts
26 Wardens white and red.
27 Wheat plums

Now set ye may,
the box and baie,
Haithorne and prim,
for clothes trim.

¶ Ianuaries husbandry.

Chap. 32.

A kindlie good Januére,
Freéseth pot by the feere,
Forgotten month past,
Dow now at the last.

Husbandly lessons.

1 WHen Christmas is ended, bid feasting adue,
go plaie the good husband, thy flocke to renue:
Be mindfull of rearing, in hope of a gaine,
dame profit shall giue thee, reward for thy paine.

2 Who both by his calfe, and his lambe will be known,
may well kill a neat, and a sheepe of his owne:
And he that can reare vp a pig in his house,
hath cheaper his bacon, and sweeter his souse.

3 Who eateth his veale, pig and lambe being frotch,
shall twise in a weeke, go to bed without brotch:
Unskilfull that passe not, but sell awaie sell,
shall neuer haue plentie, where euer they dwel.

4 Be greedie in spending, and careles to saue,
and shortly be needie, and readie to craue:
Be wilfull to kill, and vnskilfull to store,
and looke for no forson, I tel thee before.

5 Laie dirt vpon heapes, faire yard to be seene,
if frost will abide it, to field with it cleene,
In winter a fallow, some loue to bestowe,
where pease for the pot, they intend for to sowe.

6 In making or mending, as needeth thy ditch,
get set to quickeset it, learne cunningly which.
In hedging (where claie is) get stake as ye know:
of popler and willow, for fewel to grow.

7 Leaue

7 Leaue killing of conie, let doe go to buck,
and vermine thy burrow, for feare of ill lucke:
Feed doue (no more killing) old doue-house repaire,
saue doue dung for hoppers, when house ye make faire.

8 Dig garden, stroy mallow, now may ye at ease,
and set (as a daintie) thy runcifall peale:
Go cut and set roses, choose aptly the plot,
the rootes of the youngest, are best to be got.

Runcival peason.

9 In time go and bargaine, least worser ye fall,
for fewell for making, for carriage and all:
To buie at the stub, is the best for the buier,
more timely prouision, the cheaper is fier.

10 Some burneth a load at a time in his hall,
some neuer leaue burning, till burnt they haue al:
Some making of bauocke, without any wit,
make a many poore soules, without fire to sit.

11 If frost do continue, this lesson doth well,
for comfort of cattel, the fewel to fell:
From euerie tree, the superfluous bowes,
now prune for thy neat, thereupon to goe browse.

12 In pruning and trimming, al maner of trees,
reserue to each cattel, their properlie fees:
If snowe do continue, sheepe hardly that fare,
craue Wisse and Rule, for them for to spare.

13 Now lop for thy fewel, old pollenger grown,
that hinder the corne, or the grasse to be mown:
In lopping and felling, saue euer and stake,
thine hedges as needeth, to mend or to make.

14 In lopping old Iotham, for feare of mishap,
one bough state vnlopped, to cherish the sap:
The second yeare after, then boldly yee may,
for dripping his fellowes, that bough cut awaie.

15 Lop popler and sallow, elme, maple and pie,
well saued from cattell, til Summer to lie:
So far as in lopping, their tops ye do fling,
so far without planting, yoong copie will spring.

The property of soft wood.

16 Such

16 Such kelwell as standing, alate ye haue bought,
now kell it and make it, and do as ye ought:
Giue charge to the hewers (that many things mars)
to hew out for crotches, for poles and for spars.

17 If hoppyard or orchard, ye mind for to haue,
for hop poles and crotches, in lopping go saue:
Which husbandly saued, may serue at a puth,
and stop by to hauing, two gaps with a bush.

18 From Christmas, til May be wel entered in,
some cattel wax faint, and looke pewzely and thin,
And cheefelie when prime grasle, at first doth appeere,
then most is the danger of all the whole yeere.

A medicine for faint cattell.

19 Take vergis and heat it, a pint for a cow,
bay salt a handfull, to rub teong ye wot how:
That done with the salt, let hir drinke of the rest,
this many times raiseth, the feeble vp best.

To fasten lose teeth in a bullocke.

20 Powre bullocke with browsing, and naughtily fed,
scarce feedeth, hir teeth be so lose in hir hed:
Then slice ye the taile, where ye see it is soft,
with salt and with garlicke, bound to it aloft.

Ewes vpon eaning,

21 By brembles and bushes, in pasture to full,
powre sheepe be in danger, and loseth their woll:
Now therefore thine ewe, vpon lamming so neere,
desireth in pasture, that all may be cleere.

22 Leaue grubbing or pulling, of bushes (my some)
till timelie thy fences, require to be done:
Then take of the best, for to furnish thy turne,
and home with the rest, for the fier to burne.

23 In euerie greene, if the fence be not thine,
now stub vp the bushes, the grasle to be fine:
Least neighbor do daily, so hacke them beliue,
that neither thy bushes, nor pasture can thriue.

24 In ridding of pasture, with turfes that lie by,
fil euerie hole vp, as close as a die:
The labour is little, the profit is gay,
whatsoeuer the loitering labourers say.

The

Tusser, Thos.

25 The sticks and the stones, go and gather vp cleene,
for hurting of sheep, or for harming of greene:
For feare of new prowler, get home with the rest,
when frost is at hardest, then cartage is best.

26 Yong hyrne or good pasture, thy ewes do require,
warme harbrough and safety, their lambs do desire: Yong lambs.
Looke often well to them, for foxes and dogs,
for pits and for brambles, for vermin and bogs.

27 More dainty the lambe, more worth to be sold,
the sooner the better, for ewe that is old:
But if ye do mind, to haue milke of the dame,
til May do not sever, the lambe fro the same.

28 Ewes yeerely by twinning, rich masters do make,
the lambe for such twinners, for byders go take.
For twinlings be twiggers, increase for to bring,
though sorrie for their twigging, Peccant may sing.

29 Calues likely that come, betweene Christmas & Lent,
take huswife to reare, or else after repent: Rearing of calues.
Of such as do fall, betweene change and the prime,
no rearing but sel, or go kil them in time:

30 Hotile calfe and go suckle it, twise in a day,
and after a while, set it water and hay:
Stake ragged to rub on, no such as will bend,
then weane it wel tended, at fifty daies end.

31 The senior weaned, his younger shal teach,
how both to vse water, and hay for to reach:
More stroken and made of, when ought it both ayle,
more gentle ys make it, for yoke or the payle.

32 Geld bul calfe and ram lamb, as soone as they fal, Of gelding.
for therein is surely no danger at all:
Some spareth the stone for to please the eie,
to haue him thereby greater, when butchers shal bie.

33 Sowes ready to farrow this time of the yeere,
are for to make of, and cosned wel neere:
For now is the losse of the life of the sow,
more great then the losse, of two calues of thy cow.

¶ Rearing of pigs.

34 Of one sow togither, reare few aboue fiue,
and those of the fairest, and likelyest to thriue:
Ungelt of the best, keepe a couple for store,
one boare pig and sow pig, that sucketh before.

¶ A way to haue a large breed of hogs

35 Who hath a desire to haue store very large,
at Whitsuntide, let him giue huswife a charge,
To reare of a sow at once, only but three,
and one of them also, a boare for to be.

¶ Gelding time.

36 Geld vnder the dam, within fortnight at least,
and saue both thy mony, and life of the beast,
Geld later with gelders, as many one do,
and looke of a dosen, to geld away two.

37 Thy colts for the saddle, geld yong to be light,
for cart do not so, if thou iudgest aright:
Nor geld not, but when they are lusty and fat,
for there is a point, to be learned in that.

38 Geld fillies (but tits) yet a nine daies of age,
they die else of gelding, (or gelders do rage:)
Yong fillies so likelie, of bulke and of bone,
keepe such to be breeders, let gelding alone.

Reare the fairest of al things.

39 For gaining a trifle, sel ouer thy store,
what ioy to acquaintance, what pleasureth more?
The larger of body, the better for breed,
more forward of growing, more better they speed.

¶ Of cow and sow

40 Good milchcow wel fed, that is faire and sound,
is yearely for profit as good as a pound:
And yet by the yere, I haue proued yer now,
as good to the purse, is a sow as a cow.

¶

41 Keepe one and keepe both, with as little a cost,
then al shal be saued, and nothing be lost.
Both hauing together, what profit is taught,
good huswiues (I warrant ye) need not be taught.

¶

42 For lambe, pig and calfe, and for other the like,
tithe so as thy eanel, the Lord do not strike:
Or if ye deale guilefully, parson will bralle,
and so to your selfe, a worse turne ye may getue.

43 Thy

43 Thy garden plot lately, wel trenched and muckt,
would now be twifallowd, the mallowes out pluckt:
Wel clenſed and purged, of rot and of ſtone,
that fault therein afterward, found may be none.

44 Remember thy hoppyard, if ſeaſon be dryе,
now dig it and weed it, and ſo let it lie:
Moze ſenny the later, the better his luſt,
moze apt to beare hops, when it crumbles like duſt. Weeding of hoppyard.

45 To arboz begun, and quick ſetted about,
no powling noz wadling, til ſet be far out:
Foz rotten and aged, may ſtand foz a ſhew,
but hold to their tackling, there do but a few.

46 In January husband, that poucheth the grotes,
wil breake vp his lay, oz be ſowing of otes:
Otes ſowne in January, lay by thy wheat,
in May by the hay, foz the cattel to eat. Sowing of Otes.

47 Let ſeruant be ready with mattocke in hand,
to ſtub out the bushes, that noieth the land:
And cumberſome roots, ſo annoying the plough,
turne vpward their arſes, with ſozrow inough.

48 Who breaketh vp timely, his fallow oz lay,
ſets foyward his husbandry many alway:
This trimly wel ended, doth fozwardly bring,
not only thy tillage, but al other thing. Breaking vp lay in ſom country.

49 Though lay land ye break vp, when Chriſtmas is gon
foz ſowing of barly, oz otes thereupon:
Yet haſte not to fallow, til March be begun,
leaſt afterward wiſhing, it had bin vndun.

50 Such land as ye breake vp, foz barly to ſow,
two earths at the leaſt, yer ye ſow it beſtow:
If land be thereafter, ſet ating apart,
and follow this leſſon, to comfort thine hart.

51 Some breaking vp laie, ſoweth otes to begin,
to ſucke out the moiſture, ſo ſower therein:
Yet otes with her ſucking, a peeler is found,
both ill to the maiſter, and woꝛſe to ſome ground.

52 Land arable, driuen or worne to the proſe,
it craueth ſome reſt, for thy profits behoſe:
With otes ye may ſow it, the ſooner to graſſe,
more ſowne to be paſture, to bring it to paſſe.

Thus ends Januaries huſbandry.

¶ Februaries Abſtract.

Chap. 33.

LAy compas inow,
yer euer ye plow.

2 Place doung heaps alowe,
more barlie to growe.

3 Eat etch or ye plow,
with hog, ſhéep, and cow.
Sow lintals ye may,
and peaſon gray.
Kéepe white vnſowne,
till more be knowne.

4 Sowe peaſe good trull,
the moone paſt full.
Fine ſéedes then ſow,
whilſt moone doth growe.

5 Boy follow the plough,
and harrow inough,
ſo harrow ye ſhall,
till couered be all.

6 Sow peaſe not too thin,
yer plough ye ſet in.

7 Late ſowen ſore noieth,
late ripe hog ſtroieth.

8 Some prouender ſaue,
for plough horſe to haue:
to oxen that draw,
giue hate and not ſtraw.
To ſtéeres ye may,
mixe ſtraw with hate.

9 Much carting ill tillage,
makes ſome to flie village.

10 Vſe cattell aright,
to kéepe them in plight.

11 good quickſet buie,
old gathered will die.

12 Sticke bowes arow,
where runcinals grow.

13 Sow kirnels and haw,
where redge ye did draw.

14 Sow muſtard ſéed,
and help to kill wéed.
where ſets do growe,
ſée nothing ye ſow.

15 Get vines and oſier,
plaſh hedge of incloſure.
Féed highlie thy ſwan,
to lone hir good man,
Neſt hie I aduiſe,
leaſt flood do ariſe.

16 Land medow ſpare,
there doung is good ware.

17 Go ſtrike off the nowles,
of delning mowles,
ſuch hillocks in vaine,
late leueled plaine.

18 To wet the land,
let mowle hil ſtand.

29 Powr

Tusser, Thos.

19 Poze cattel craue,
some shift to haue.
God sight the lones,
must feed their bones.

20 Cow little giueth,
that hardlie liueth.
Bid hunting adew,
call hawks into mew.

21 Kid barlie all now,
cleane forth thy mow.
choice seed out braw,
saue cattell for straw.
Keepe sheep out of briers,
keepe beasts out of miers.
Keep lambs from for,
else shepheard go bor.

22 To coast man ride,
Lent stuffe to prouide.
God neighbor mine,
now yoke thy swine.

Thus endeth Februaries abstract, agreeing with Februaries husbandrie.

Now euerie daie,
set hops ye maie.

Other short remembrances.

Now set for thy pot,
best hearbs to be got.
For flowers go set,
all sorts ye can get.

Trench medow and redge,
dike quickset and hedge.
to plots not full,
ad bremble and hull.
As winter doth prone,
so may ye remoue.
Now all things reare,
for all the yeare.

Let wheat and the rie,
for thresher still lie.
Such straw some saue,
for thacker to haue.
Watch ponds, go loke
to weeles and hoke.
Knaues seld repent,
to steale in Lent.

Poze cunnie so bagged,
is soone ouerlagged.
Plash burrow, set clapper,
for dog is a snapper.
Alls fish they get,
that commeth to net.
Who mocke regards,
makes hillocks in yards.

Here endes Februaries short remembrances.

Februaries husbandry.

Chap. 34.

February fill the dike,
with that thou best like.
Forgotten month past,
Do now at the last.

Who laieth on dung, yer he laieth on plow,
such husbandry vseth, as thrift doth allow:
One month yer ye spread it, so till let it stand,
yer euer to plow it, ye take it in hand.

2 Place dong heap alow, by the furrow along,
where water all winter time, did it such wrong:
So make ye the land, to be lusty and fat,
and come thereon some, to be better for that.

3 Go plow in the stubble, for now is the season,
for sowing of fitches, of beanes and of peason:
So we runcivals timely, and al that be gray,
but sowe not the white til S. Gregories day.

4 Sowe peason and beanes, in the wane of the moone,
who soweth them sooner, he soweth too soone:
That they with the planet, may rest and arise,
and flourish with bearing, most plentiful wise.

5 Friend harrow in time, by some maner of meanes,
not onely thy peason, but also thy beanes:
Unharrowed die, being buried in clay,
where harrowed flourish, as flowers in May.

6 Both peason and beanes, sowe afore ye do plow,
the sooner ye harrow, the better for you:
White peason so good, for the purse and the pot,
let them be wel tred, else ewel do ye not.

7 Have eie vnto harvest, whatsoeuer ye sowe,
for feare of mischaunces, by riping too slow:
Least corne be destroied, contrary to right,
by hogs or by cattel, by day or by night.

8 Good prouender, labouring horses would haue,
good hate and good plenty, plow oxen do craue:
To hale out thy mucke, and to plow out thy ground,
or else it may hinder thee, many a pound.

9 Who slacketh his tillage, a carter to be,
for groat got abroad, at home shal lose three:
And so by his doing, he brings out of hart,
both land for the corne, and horse for the cart.

10 Who abuseth his cattel, and starueth them for meat,
by carting or plowing, his gaine is but great,
Where he that with labour, can tie them aright,
hath gaine to his comfort, and cattle in plight.

Tusser, Thos.

11 Buy quickset at market, new gathered and small,
buy bushes of willow, to fense it withall:
Set willows to grow, in the stead of a stake,
for cattell in summer, a shadow to make.

12 Sticke plenty of bowes, among runcivall peale,
to climber thereon, and to branch at their ease:
So doing, more tender and greater they wex,
if peacocke and turkey, leaue sobbing their sex.

¶ Runcivall peason.

13 Now sow and goe harrow, where redge ye did drawe,
the seed of the bramble, with kidnell and hawe:
Which couered ouerlie, some to shut out,
go see it be ditched, and fenced about.

14 Where banks be amended, and newly vp cast,
sowe mustard seed after a shower be past:
Where plots ful of nettles, be noisome to eie,
sowe thereupon hempseed, and nettles will die.

15 The vines and the osiers, cut and go set,
if grape be vnpleasant, a better vp get:
Feed swine, and go make hir vp strongly a mell,
for feare of a thiefe, good and bie is the best.

16 Land medow that yeerely, is spared for hay,
now fense it and spare it, and doing it ye may:
Get moulecatcher cunningly, moule for to kill,
and harrow, and cast abroad euery hill.

17 Where medow or pasture, to mow ye do not,
let moule be destroyed, some manner of waie:
Then cast abroad muckhil, as flat as ye can,
for many commodities, following than.

¶ Catching of moules.

18 If pasture by nature, is giuen to be wet,
then dreine it by the rule bil, though it be set:
That lambe may be fitter, and so to sit dry,
or else to lie by it, the warmer to lie.

19 Friend alway let this be, a part of thy care,
for shift of good pasture, lay pasture to spare:
So haue you good feeding, in bushets and leaze,
and quickly safe finding, of cattel at ease.

20 Where cattel may run about, roming at will,
from pasture to pasture, pooze belly to fill:
There pasture and cattel, both hungry and bare,
for want of good husbandry, worser do fare.

21 Now thresh out thy barly, for malt or for seed,
for breadcorne (if need be) to serue withal need:
If worke for the thresher, ye mind for to haue,
of wheat and of mestlin, vnthreshed go saue.

22 Now timely for Lent stuffe, thy money disburse,
the longer ye tarrie, for profit the wurse:
If one penie vantage, hetherein to saue,
of coastman or Fleming, be sure to haue.

Thus endeth Februaries husbandry.

¶ Marches Abract.

Chap. 35.

WHite peason sow,
scare hungry crow.

2 Spare medow for haie,
spare marhes at Maie.

3 Keepe sheepe from dog,
keepe lams from hog,
If fores mislike them,
then watch or house them.

4 March dzie vp fuel,
hop grounds go feel:
Pong rots hoe, dresse,
prune euer best,
Grant hop great hil,
to growe at hul,
From hop long gut,
awaie go cut:

5 Here learne the waie,
hop rots to laie.

6 Rots best to prune,
thus set I loue.

7 Leaue space and rom,
to hillock to come.

8 Of hedge and willow,
hop makes his pillow.
Godbearing hop,
climes vp to the top.
keepe hop from sun,
and hop is vndon.

9 Hop to dry water,
bad may mould pom.
Iron crooke like a Rake.
deepe hole to make.
A scraper to pare,
the earth about bare.
A bore to raise rot,
like sole of a boot.
Sharp knife to cut,
superfluous gut.

10 Who grafting loues
now grafting wones.

Of

Tusser, Thos.

Of euerie suit,
graffe daintie fruit.
Graffe good fruit all,
or graffe not at all.

11 Graffe sone may be lost,
both grafting and cost.
Learne here take heed,
what counsel doth breed.

12 Sowe barlie that can,
to sone ye shall ban.
Let horse keepe his owne,
till barlie be sowne.
Sowe euen thy land,
with plentiful hand.
Sowe ouer and vnder,
in clay is no wonder.

13 By sowing in wet,
is little to get.

14 Straight follow the plow.
and harrow inow.
With sling go throwe,
your care away crowe.

15 Rowle after a deaw,
when barlie doth shew.
More handsome to make it,
to mow and to rake it.

16 Learne heere you may,
best harrowing waie.

17 Now rowle thy wheat,
where clots be to great.

18 Make readie a plot,
for seeds for the pot.

19 Best searching minds,
the best waie finds.

20 For garden best,
is south southwest.

21 Good filth brings seeds,
euil tilture weeds.

22 For summer sowe now,
for winter see how.

23 Learne time to know,
to set or sowe.

24 Yong plants soone die,
that growes to rie.

25 In countrie doth rest,
what season is best.

26 Good pease and leekes.
make pottage for creekes.

27 Haue spunemeat inough.
for cart and the plough.
God proue mans sake,
is proue mans care.
And not to boast,
of sod and roast.

28 Cause reke and rauen,
to seeke a new hauen.

Thus endeth Marches abstract, agreeing with Marches husbandrie.

Other short remembrances.

Geld lambs now all,
straight as they fall.
Loke twise a daie,
least lambs necke.

Where horse did harrow,
put stones in barrow.

And laie them bie,
in heaps all hie.

Let Ore once sat,
lose nothing of that.

Now

Now hunt with thy dog,
vnyoked hog.
With doues good lucke,
reare geese and duck.
To spare aright,
spare March his slight.

Seeds and hearbs for the kitchen.

Aleng.
Betonie.
Bleetes or Beetes, white or yellow.
Bloodwort.
Buglos.
Burnet.
Burrage
Cabage remoue in Iune.
Clarie.
Colewortes
Cressis.
Endiue
Fennell
French malowes
French safferon sette in Auguſt.
Langdebefe.
Lekes remoue in Iune.
Lettis remoue in May
Longwort
Liuerwort
Marigolds often cut
Mercurie.
Mints at all times
Nep
Onions from December to March.
Orach or red, red and white.
Patiences
Parcelie
Penyriall
Primrose
Poret
Rosemarie in the spring time to growe, southe or well.
Sage red and white.
English saffron set in Auguſt.
Summer sauorie
Sorell
Spinage
Suckerie
Siethes
Tanſie
Time
Violets of all sorts
Winter sauory

Herbs and roots for sallets and sauce.

Alexanders at all times
Artichokes.
Blessed thistle, or Carduus benedictus.
Cucumbers in Aprill & May
Cressis, sowe with Lettis in the spring.
Endiue
Mustard seede, sowe in the spring and at michelmas.
Muske million, in Aprill and May.
Mints
Purslane.

Radish

1 Radish, after remoue them.
2 Rampions.
3 Rokat in Aprill.
4 Sage
5 Sorell
6 Spinage for the summer
7 Sea holie.
8 Sparage, let growe twoe yeeres, and then remoue.
9 Skirets, set these plants in March.
10 Suckeries
11 Taragon, sette in slippes in March.
12 Violets of all colours.

These bute with the peny. Or sowe not for any.

Capers.
Lemmans.
Olives.
Orenges.
Rise
Sampire

Hearbs and roots, to boile or to butter.

Beans, set in winter.
Cabbages, sowe in Marche and after remoue.
Carets.
Citrons, sow in Maie.
Gourds in Maie.
Manews sown in June.
Pompions in Maie.
Persneps in winter
Runciuall pease set in Winter.
Rapes sow in June.
Turneps in March & Aprill.

Strowing hearbs of all sorts.

1 Basill fine and busht, sowe in Maie.
2 Baulme in March
3 camomill
4 costmarie.
5 cowslips and pagles
6 Daisies of all sorts
7 Sweet fenell.
8 Germander
9 Isop set in Februarie
10 Lauender
11 Lauender spike.
12 Lauender cotton.
13 Marioram knotted, sowe or set at the spring.
14 maudeline.
15 Pentertall
16 roses of all sorts in Januarie and September.
17 Red mints
18 Sage
19 Tansie
20 Violets
21 Winter sauorie

Herbs, branches and flowers for windows and pots.

1 Bates sowe or set in plantes in Januarie.
2 Batchelers buttons
3 Bottles, blewe, red and tawnie.
4 columbines
5 campions
6 cowslips
7 Dasiadowndillies.

Eglantine

8 Eglantine or swéet brier.
9 Fetherfew.
Flower amour sowe in May.
Flower deluce.
Flower gentle white and red.
Flower nice.
Gilleflowers redde, white, and carnation set in the springe, and at the harueſt in pottes, paiſes, or tubbes, or for ſummer in beds.
Hollihockes white, red, and carnation.
Indian ete, sowe in May, or set in ſlips in March.
Lauender of all ſorts.
Larks foot
Laus tibi.
Lilium conuallium
Lillies red and white, sowe or set in March, and September.
Marigold double,
Nigella Romana.
Paonies or hartſeaſe.
Pagles gréene and yellow
Pinks of all ſorts
Quéenes gilleflowers
Roſemarie.
Roſes of all ſorts
Snag dragons
Sops in wine.
Swéet williams
Swet Johns
Star of Bethelem
Star of Jeruſalem
Stocke Gilleflowers of all ſorts.
Tuft gilleflowers.
Uelnet flowers, or Frenche Marigolds.
Violets yellow and white.
Wall Gilleflowers of all ſorts.

Herbs to ſtill in ſummer.

Bleſſed thiſtle.
Betonie.
Dill.
Endiue
Eiebright
Fennell
Fumetorie
Iſop
Mints
Plantine
Roſes red and damaſke,
Reſpies
Saxifrage
Strawberies
Sorell
Suckerie
Woodroffe for ſweet waters and cakes.

Neceſſarie herbs to grow in the garden for phyſicke not reherſed before.

Annis.
Archangel
Betonie
Charuile
Cinquile
Cummin
Dragons.

Dittanie

Dittaine or garden ginger.
Bromell seed for the stone.
Hartstoong.
Horehound.
Louage for the stone.
Licoras.
Mandrake.
Mugwort.
Pionees.
Poppie.
Rew.
Rubarb.
Smalach for swellings.
Saxifrage for the stone.
Sauine for the bots.
Switchwort.
Valerian.
Wodbin.

Thus ends in brefe,
Of heards the cheefe,
To get more skil,
Read whom ye wil,
Such mo to haue,
Of fleis go craue.

¶ Marches husbandry.

Chap. 36.

March dust to be sold,
Worth ransome of gold
Forgotten month past,
Do now at the last.

WHite peason, both good for the pot and the purse.
by sowing too timely, proue often the worse:
cause they be tender, and hateth the cold,
proue March per ye sow them, for being too bold:

spare meadow at Gregory, marshes at Walke,
for feare of thy summer, no longer time alke:
en hedge them and ditch them, bestow thereon pence,
yne, meadow and pasture, alke alway good fense.

of mastiues and mungrels, that many we see,
a number of thoulands, too many there be:
latch therefore in Lent, to thy sheepe go and looke,
for dogs will haue vittels, by hooke and by crooke.

In lent haue an eie to sheep biters.

n March at the furthest, drie season or wet,
op roots so well chosen, let skilful go set:
e goeler and yonger, the better I loue,
el gutted and pared, the better they proue.

Setting of hops.

ome laieth them crosselwise, along in the ground,
high as the knee, they do couer vp round:
me pricke vp a sticke, in the mids of the same,
hat little round hillocke, the better to frame.

6 Some maketh a hallownes, halfe a foot deepe,
with foure sets in it, set slant wise asteepe:
One foot from another, in order to lie,
and thereon a hillock as round as a pie.

7 Fiue foot from another, ech hillock would stand,
as straight as a leuelled line with the hand:
Let euery hillocke, be foure foot wide,
the better to come to, on euery side.

8 By willowes that groweth, thy hoppard without,
and also by hedges, thy meadowes about:
God hop hath a pleasure, to clime and to spread,
if sunne may haue passage, to comfort his head.

Hop tooles

9 Set crow made of iron, deepe hole for to make,
with crosse ouerthwart it, as sharpe as a stake:
A hone and a parer, like sole of a boot,
to pare away grasse, and to raise vp the root.

Grafting.

10 In March is good grafting, the skilful do know,
so long as the wind, in the East do not blow:
From meane being changed, til past be the prime,
for grafting and cropping, is very good time.

11 Things grafted or planted, the greatest and least,
defend against tempest, the bird and the beast:
Defended shal prosper, the tother is lost,
the thing with the labour, the time and the cost.

12 Sow barly in March, in Aprill and May,
the later in sand, and the sooner in clate:
What worser for barly, then wetnes and cold:
what better to skilful, than time to be bold:

13 Who soweth his barly, too soone or in raine,
of otes and of thistles, shal after complaine:
I speake not of May weed, cockle and such,
that noieth the barly, so often and much.

14 Let barly be harrowed, finely as dust,
then workmanly trench it, and fence it ye must.
This season wel tried, set forward an end,
and praise and prane God, a good haruest to send.

15 Some

Tusser, Thos.

Some rowleth their barlie, ſtrait after a raine, when firſt it appeareth, to leuel it plaine: the barly ſo vſed, the better doth grow, and handſome ye make it, at harueſt to mow.

Rowling of barlie.

Otes, barly and peaſe, harrow after ye ſow, or rie harrow firſt, as already ye know: eaue wheat little clod, for to couer the head, hat after a froſt, it may out and go ſpread.

If clod in thy wheat, will not breake with the froſt, know ye do rowle it, it quiteth the coſt: ut ſee when ye rowle it, the weather be drie, elſe it were better, vncrolled to lie.

¶ Gardening

In March and in Aprill, from morning to night, ſowing and ſetting good huſwiues delight: haue in a garden, or other like plot, trim vp their houſe, and to furniſh their pot.

The nature of flowers, dame philicke doth ſhew, e teacheth them al, to be knowne to a few: ſet or to ſow, or elſe ſowne to remoue, ow that ſhould be practiſed, learne if ye loue.

¶

To know good land.

Land falling or lying, ful ſouth or ſouthweſt, r profit by tillage, is lightly the beſt: garden with Orchard, and hoppyard I find, hat want the like benefit, grow out of kind.

¶

If field to beare corne, a good tillage doth craue, hat thinke ye of garden, what garden would haue? field without coſt, be aſſured of weedes: garden be ſure, thou loſeſt thy ſeedes.

¶

At ſpring for the ſummer, ſowe garden ye ſhal, t harueſt for winter, or ſowe not at al: t digging, remouing, and weeding ye ſee, akes hearbe the more holſome, and greater to be.

¶

Time faire to ſowe, or to gather be bold, t ſet or remoue, when the weather is cold: t al thing or gather, the moone in the wane, ut ſowe in increaſing, or giue it his bane.

24 Now sets do aske watering, with pot or with dish,
Sow sowne do not so, if ye do as I wish:
Through cunning with dible, rake, mattocke and spade,
by line and by leauel, trim garden is made.

25 Who soweth too lateward, hath seldome good seed,
who soweth too soone, little better shal speed:
Apt time and the season, so diuers to hit.
set later and later, helpe practise and wit.

¶ 26 Now leekes are in season, for pottage full good,
and spareth the milchcow, and purgeth the blood:
These hauing with pease on, for pottage in Lent,
thou spares both otemel and wheat to be spent.

¶ 27 Though neuer so much, a good huswife doth care.
that such as do labour, haue husandly fare:
Yet feed them and cram them, til purse do lacke chinke,
no spoone meat, no belly full, labourers thinke.

Destroy pies crowes, & rauens neasts. &c.

28 Kil crow, pie and cadow, rooke, buzzard and rauen,
or else go desire them, to seeke a new hauen:
In scaling the youngest, to plucke off his becke.
beware how ye climber, for breaking your necke.

Thus endeth Marches husbandry.

¶ Aprils abstract.

Chap. 37.

1 Sowne champions lay,
to fallow in May.

2 When tilth plowes breake,
poore cattell cries creake.

3 One day yer ye plow,
spread compas inow.

4 Some fodder buieth,
in fen where it lieth.

5 Thou champion wight,
haue cowmeat for night.

6 Set hop his pole,
make deepe his hole.

7 First barke go sell,
yer timber ye fell.

8 Fensle copie in,
yer hewers begin.

9 The straightest ye know,
for saddles let grow.

10 Crabtree preserue,
for plough to serue.

11 Get timber out,
yer yeere go about.

12 Som cuntry lack plowmeat
and some do lacke cowmeat.

13 Small

Tusser, Thos.

Small cõmings and bare,
ælds cattell ill fare.
Some common with geese,
and sheepe without fleece,
Some tits further bring,
and hogs to cut sting.
Some champions sure,
a waspe both with bee.
Get swine heard no hog,
ut kill not both dog.
Where swine heard both lack,
ozne goeth to wrack.
al goes to the diuell,
here shepheard is euill.

18 Come home from land,
with stone in hand.
19 Spare cost vpon dogges,
with bitter gawes.
20 But if they vnthought,
hath whilome naught,
21 Some bring on no gaines,
some lose beside paines.
22 Kun of the rank known,
with euer man thine owne.
[illegible]

¶ Aprils husbandry.

Chap. 38.

Sweet April showers,
Do spring may flowers.

Forgotten seeds sow,
Do now or neuer.

A Cambrige scare scholler, in Lincolnshire way,
the champion made of late holidaies play:
en thinking to preach, and reason more routine,
ozcing of wits, he chose mones to entreate.
Aprill be dropping, then do I not dare,
him that bare title, to fall out of fare.
e otherwise minding, to speake of sowing,
laying of seeds, of plowing and reaping.
e sure of plowing, for best reaping of graine,
compas ye diuine, that ye may not faine.
ft drying so wind, and moisture of land,
r euer much rayne, that may hinder the sowne.
oke now to prouide, for all things be ready,
eeds be bestowed, when time shall be fitted.
en for the husbandry, whereof we do write,
unt best the best thing, wherewith we may [illegible]

5 Prouide ye of couert, for cattel at night,
and chiefly where commons, lie far out of sight:
Where cattel be tied, without any meat,
that profit by dairy, can neuer be great.

Put poles to your hops. 6 Get into thy hoppard, with plenty of poles,
amongst the same hillocks, diuide them by doles:
Three poles to a hillock (I passe not how long)
shall yeld thee most profit, set deepely and strong.

7 Sell barke to the tanner, yer timber ye fel,
cut low by the ground, or else dee ye not wel,
In breaking some crooked, for mill and for hops:
and euer in pewing, some carpenters crops.

8 First see it well fenced, per heiers default,
then see it well tended, without any faltin:
Thus being preserued, and husbandly don,
shal sooner raise profit, to thee or thy sonne:

Stadling of woods. 9 Leaue growing for stadles, the likest and best,
though seller and buier, dispatched the rest:
In bushes, in hedgerowe, in groue and in wood,
this lesson obserued is needful and good.

10 Saue ellme and ashe tree, for cart and for plough,
saue sley for a mile, of the crooch of the bough:
Saue hazel for forks, saue withie for rake,
saue huluer and thorne, there of made for to make.

11 Make riddance of carlage, yer yeare go about,
for spoiling of plants, that be newly come out:
To carter with oxen, that vseth a lasing,
leaue not ore abroad, for annoying the spring.

12 Allowance of fodder, some countries do yeld,
as good for the cattel as hate in the field:
Some mowe vp their pastures, and plots among corn,
and dryuen to leaue tarying, vnwilling or vnsworn.

13 Some commons are barren, the nature is such,
and some ouerlaied with commons, too much.
The peiseed commoner, shal profit both giue,
and profit as little, some reape I beleeue.

14 Som

Some pester the commons with iades & with gearle,
with hog without ringe, and with sheepe without fleece:
Some sale [illegible]
Some make [illegible]
Great [illegible]
and neuer [illegible]
s charity [illegible]
so lesse be [illegible]
where [illegible]
there many [illegible]
where each [illegible]
there come is wel eaten, yet men be aware.
The land is wel hartened with heine of the fold,
for one or two crops [illegible]
shepheard [illegible]
ge walke of [illegible]
where [illegible]
make [illegible]
y daily so [illegible]
oth hand [illegible]
From [illegible]
so long [illegible]
nd milch [illegible]
ge reskue [illegible]
Ill husbands [illegible]
nough [illegible]
c milke [illegible]
hat butter [illegible]
erewhere [illegible]
ith sheepe [illegible]
en dairy [illegible]
pace away [illegible]
Then [illegible]
ould serue [illegible]
uch maister such man, such [illegible]
uch husband and huswife, such house & [illegible]

¶ Dairy matters.

¶ Ill husbandry sayings.

topping ghests.

A Wife that will, good husband please,
Must shun with skil, such ghests as these.

So Cisse that serues, must marke this note:
What fault deserues, rebuked rote.

¶ Ten topping ghests vnsent for.

Gehezie, Lots wife, and Argus his eies,
Tom piper, pore Cobler, and Lazarus flies,
Rough Esau, with Maudlin, and gentiles that scrall,
With bushop that burneth, thus knowe ye them all.
These toppingly ghests, be in number but ten,
As welcome in dairie, as beares among men:
Which being described, take heede of ye shall,
For danger of afterclaps, after that fall.

¶ white and dzie.
1 Gehezie his sickenesse, was whitish and dzie,
such cheeses good Cisley, ye hoten to rue.

Two salt.
2 Leaue Lot with her pillar, good Cisley alone,
much saltnesse in mutton eat, is il for the bone.

Ful of eies.
3 If cheeses in dairy, haue Argus his eies,
tel Cisley the fault in her huswifery lies.

Houen.
4 Tom piper hath houen, and puffen vp cheekes:
if cheese be so houen, make Cisse to take creekes.

Tough
5 Pore cobler he toucheth, his leather is tough,
if cheese abide turning, not Cisley enough.

Ful of spots.
6 If Lazar so lothsome, in cheese be eschues,
let bates attempt, &c.

Ful of haires.
7 Rough Esau was hairie, from top to the fut,
if cheese so appeare, &c.

Ful of whey.
8 As Maudlen went, so would Cisley be wept,
for whey in her cheeses, &c.

Ful of Gentils.
9 If gentiles be found, in your cheese or pie,
if cheese haue gentiles, &c.

Burnt to the pan.
10 Blesse Cisley (good mistres) that butter doth burne,
for burning the milke, of her cheese to the pan.

If thou (so post hence) I will no more threaten,
amended by this: I promise thee Cis.

Thus

Tusser, Thos.

Thus dairy maide Cisley rehearsed ye see,
what faults with good huswife in dairy house be,
Of market & thorow the household a grieke,
to mariet and milkine as ill as a theefe.

Thus endeth Ayells husbandrie.

¶ Mayes Abstract.

Chap. 39.

1 WIt lambe fro ewe,
to milke a fewe.

2 Be not too bold,
to milke and to fold.

3 Fiue ewes allow,
to euerie cow.

4 Sheepe weigeling tatle,
hath made without fatle.

5 Beat yard in the rein,
where house hath need.

6 Leaue cropping from Mate,
to Michelmas date,
Let Iuie be pilled,
elfe tree will be spoiled.

7 Now sheepheers warne,
to rid the berne.

8 Be sure of hate,
till the end of Mate.

9 Let sheepe all lambe,
where corne is in danke.
In lowlie or leuer,
in champion neuer.

10 To weaning addate,
as soone as ye may.

11 For corne beare rein,
that naughtie swine.

12 Why weeding slacketh,
good husbandrie lacketh.

13 Solue bucke wbranke,
that smels so ranke.

14 Thy branke go and sowe,
where barlie did growe.
The next crop wheat,
is husbandrie meat.

15 Sowe pescods soone,
for harueit to come.

16 Sowe hempe and flax,
that spinning lacks,

17 Teach hop to clime,
for rodin it is time.

18 Through fooles and weedes
plaie hop till speedes.
Cut off at crop,
superfluous hop,
The fruite is fine,
makes hop to pine.

19 Sowdle tilleth their wheate,
make tales that is great,
So weare and tine,
be gotten out time.

20 Make fast no gate,
where passing is gate,

Fill. 21 Now

21 Now draine as ye like,
both fen and dike.

22 Watch bées in May,
for swarming aware:
Both now and in June,
marke maister bées tune.

23 Twifallow thy land,
least plough else stand.

24 No longer tarrie,
out compas carrie.

25 Where need doth prate it,
there see ye late it.

26 Set Jacke and Jone,
to gather up stone.

27 To grasse with thy calues,
take nothing to halues.

28 Be sure thy neat,
haue water and meat.

29 By fainting of ground,
destruction is found.

30 Now carriage get,
hongre well to set.
S. Heiens day, August. tel fagot and billet,
for filching affet.

31 At summer for firing,
let cattle be buying.
Marke collier packing,
least coles be lacking,
Bees opened sacke,
for two in a packe.

32 Let nooding patch,
go sleepe a snatch.

33 Wise no pon will,
now pils you kill.

34 Fine basil sowe,
in a pot to grow:
Fine seeds sowe now,
before ye fatu bow.

35 Keepe ore from cowe
for cattes eclow.

Thus endeth the Month of August, agreeing with Mayes husbandrie.

Other short remembrances.

From bull [illegible]
till [illegible] be past,
From heifer bul [illegible]
till Lammas bid [illegible]

Here endes Mayes short remembrances.

Mayes husbandry: Chap. 40.

Cold May and windy,
Barne filled full tindy.

Forgott in mowth,
Dow now at the last.

1 AT Philip and Jacob, away with thy lambes
that thinkest to haue any milke of their dames:
At lammas leaue milking, for feare of a chill,
least Requiem eternam in winter thou sing.

2 To this the auncient sayth them is much to require,
except ye haue pasture to fill their bellies:
Yet many by milking such hard they haue dealt,
not spurring their bodies, much profit do make.

Fiue ewes to a cow make prouse by a score,
shal double thy dairy, else trust me no more.
t may a good housife, that knoweth the skil,
haue mirt and dinnert at hir pleasure and will.

If sheepe or thy lambe fal a wasting with calle,
go by and by search it, whiles helpe may preuaile:
hat barbarlie handled, I dare thee assure,
cast dust in her arse, thou hast finisht the cure.

Where houses here ned (as houses haue need)
now pare off the mosse, and ye heat in the reed:
he suffer ye driue it, the smoother and plaine,
more handsome ye make it, to shut out the raine.

From May til October, leaue cropping for fohy:
in wood here whatsoeuer thou croppest shall die:
where Iune imbarketh the tree verie sore,
kil Iune, else tree will addle no more.

Keepe thy thing together, til May be come in,
to haue to be lite, fresh chaffe in the bin:
nd somewhat to scantle, for hog and for hen,
and worke when it raineth, for other ing men.

Be sure of haie and of prouender inough,
for labouring cattel, for pasture be drough:
nd if ye do mind to haue nothing to serue,
haue one thing to serue, for all things to serue.

Ground corrupted not, a following yeere,
if wheat or thy barlie to cattle do appeare:
low eat it with sheepe, or else mow it you may,
for ledging, and so, to the birds for a pray.

In May get a weedhooke, a crotch and a pique,
and weed out such noyes, as the corne doth not loue:
for weeding of winter corne, now it is best,
but Iune is the better, for weeding the rest.

The Maie weed doth burne, and the thistle doth freat,
the ritches put downwards, both rie and the wheat:
The drake and the cockle, be nothing too much,
yet like vnto hauoke, no weed there is such.

Count stroe no sore.

¶ Weeding.

12 Slacke neuer thy weeding, for dearth nor for cheape,
the corne shal reward it, yer euer ye reape:
And specially where, ye do trust for to seed,
let that be well vsed the better to speed.

13 In May is good sowing, thy bucke or thy blanke,
that blacke is as pepper, and smelleth so ranke:
It is to thy land, as a comfort or muckе,
and al things it maketh, as fat as a bucke.

14 Sowe bucke after barlie, or after thy wheat,
a pecke to a rood, if the measure be great:
Three earths se ye giue it, and sow it aboue,
and harrow it finely, if bucke ye do loue.

15 Who peasods would gather, to haue with the last,
to serue for his houshold, till haruest be past:
Must sowe them in Male, in a corner ye shal,
where through so late growing no hindrance may fal.

¶ Sowing of flaxe & hemp.

16 Good flaxe and good hempe, for to haue of her owne,
in Maie a good houswife, will see it be sowne.
And afterward trim it, to serue at a need,
the simble to spin, and the carle for her seed.

17 Get into thy hoppyard, for now it is time,
to teach Robin hop, on his pole how to clime:
To follow the sunne, as his property is,
and weed him and trim him, if ought go amis.

18 Grasse, thistle, and mustard seed, hemlocke and bur-
tine, mallow and nettle, that keepe such a stur:
With peascocke and turkie, that nibbles off top,
are very ill neighbors, to finely pease hop.

19 From wheat go and rake out, the tetters or tine,
if eare be not forth it will rise againe time:
Vse now in thy rie, little raking or none,
breake tine from his root, and so let it alone.

weeding of quickset.

20 Banks newly quicksetted, some weeding do craue,
the kindlier nourishment, there by for to haue:
Then after a shewer, to weeding a snatch,
More easily weed, with the roote to dispatch.

The

Tusser, Thos.

The fen and the quamire, so marish by kind,
no are to be drained, now win to thy mind:
hich yeerely ouerflowed, and suffred vncut,
noieth the meadowes, that they ground but.

Take heed to thy bees, that are ready to swarme,
e losse thereof now, is a cruell worthy of harme:
t skilful be ready, and diligence beare,
aft being too careles, thou lesest thy beere.

In May at the furthest, if fallow thy land,
much drout may else after, cause enough to stand:
is tilth being done ere haue passe the moneth,
en after who ploughes, plow thou with the furst.

Twifallow once ered, yet timberd and man,
nd compas that fallow, as soone as ye can:
t skilful be ready, where need is vpon,
oze profit the sooner, to follow thereon.

Hide hedlonds with mucke, if ye will to the knees,
drippen and shadowen, with bushes and trees:
re plots full of galles, if ye plow ouerthwart,
nd compas it then, is a husbandly part.

Let children be hyred, laid to their bones,
om fallow as needeth, to gather vp stones:
hat wisdom for profit, shall seeke to saue,
at husband and bullocke, shall willingly do.

To grasse with thy cattell, in some medow plot neere,
here neither their mothers, may see them noz heere:
here water is plenty, and barth to sit warme,
nd looke well vnto them, for taking of harme.

Pinch neuer thy cattell, of water or meat,
euer ye hope, for to haue them good neat:
summer time daily, in winter in stall,
cattell lacke drinke, they be vtterly lost.

For couetting much, ouerlaie not thy ground,
nd then shall thy cattell, be lusty and sound:
t pinch them of pasture, while summer doth last,
nd fill at their tailes, per a winter be past.

¶ Swarming of Bees.

Let not cattell want water.

30 Get home with thy fewel, make ready to set,
the sooner the easlier, carriage to get:
Or otherwise linger, the carriage thereat,
til (where as ye left it) a quarter begat.

Husbandry for citizens.

31 His seeing in summer, his citizens bute,
least buying in winter, make purse for to crie:
For carman and collier, bargs both on a string,
in winter they call, to be with thee to bring.

32 From Maie to mid August, an houre or two,
let patch sleepe a stretch, how soeuer ye mow:
Though sleeping one houre refresheth his song,
yet trust not Hob grouthed, for harping too long.

33 The knowledge of stilling, is one pretty feat,
the waters be holsome, the charge not great:
What timely thou getest, while summer doth last,
thinke winter will helpe thee, to spend it as fast.

34 Fine basil desireth, it may be his lot,
to growe as a gillofloure, trim in his pot:
That ladies and gentils, for whom ye do serue,
may helpe his as ye doth, pray for life to preserue.

35 Keepe ore from thy corn, that do passe it would go,
least cow be deceiued, by ore hoving them to:
And thou recompenced, thy sute may thy blame,
with want of a calfe, and cow to that dame.

Thus endeth Maies husbandry.

¶ Iunes Abstract.

Chap. 41.

Watch sheep for to share,
as sheepe may go bare.

2 Though fleece ye take,
no patches make.

3 Share lambs no whit,
or share not yet.

4 If medow be grown,
let medow be mowne.

5 How earlie ye may,
and long carry hate.

6 Mis good to be knowen,
to haue all thine owne.

7 Who goeth a borrowing,
goeth a sorrowing.

8 See cart in plight,
and all things right.

8 Make

Tusser, Thos.

A lesson of hop-yard.

19 where hops will growe,
here learne to knowe.
Hops mosse will come,
in a rush or roome.
Hops hate the land,
where grasse and sand.

20

21

3 Let lambs go vnclipped, til June be halfe worne,
the better the fleeces, will grow to be shorne:
The Pie will discharge thee, for pulling the reste,
the lighter the sheepe is, then feedeth it best.

4 If medow be forward, be mowing of some,
but now as the makers may well ouercome:
Take heed to the weather, the wind and the skie,
if danger approcheth, then cocke apace crie.

5 Plough early til ten a clocke, then to thy baite,
in plowing and carting to profit ye may:
By little and little, thus doing ye win,
that plough that not hinder, when harueste comes in.

6 Prouide at thine vtter, to haue al things at hand,
least worke and the workeman, vnoccupied stand:
Loue seldome to borrow, that thinkest to liue,
for he that once loseth, wise lookest to haue.

7 Let cart be well fenced, without and within,
wel clouted and greased, yet hay time inough
Thy baite bring at euen, though carter repine:
carts hopper wel heaped, is saueth of some.

8 Good husbands that liue, to saue all things right,
for timber in time cast, haue a shed readie dight:
Where vnder the hay may in winter lie warme,
to stand so inclosed, and wind do no harme.

A house is set vpon crotches & couered with poles and straw.

9 So likewise a house, shall stande for a some,
to stacke on the pease, when harueste shall come:
And serue thee in winter, moreouer than that,
to shut vp the pease straw thou meanest to fat.

10 Some barne in your house liue, and pay you as much,
yet come
Then
abroad or
11 Make
lie die and
Though fitches
for pestering
12 With

With whins or with furzes thy houel renew,
e turfe and for fedge, for to bake and to brew:
charcole and feacole, as alſo for thacke,
y tall wood and billit, as yeerely ye lacke.

What huſbandly huſbands except they be foles,
t handſome haue ſtorehouſe for trifles and toles:
al in good order, faſt lockes to ſie,
hat euer is needful, to find by and by.

Thy houſes and barnes, would be looked vpon,
o al things amended, yer harueſt come on:
ings thus ſet in order, in quiet and reſt,
l further thy harueſt, and pleaſure the beſt.

The buſhes and thorne, with the ſhrubs that do noy,
woodſere or ſummer, cut down to deſtroy,
t where as beeſe, to the tree ye will none,
danger in woodſere, let hacking alone.

t midſummer downe with the brambles and brakes,
d after abroad, with thy forkes and thy rakes:
t mowers a mowing, where meadow is grown,
longer now ſtanding the worſe to be mown.

Now down with the graſſe, vpon hedlonds about,
t groweth in ſhadow ſo ranke and ſo ſtout:
graſſe vpon hedlonds, of barly and peaſe,
en harueſt is ended, go mowe if ye pleaſe.

The huſbandlie ſtorehouſe.

ſhort thy ſhadow ſteepe ditches, and pits in the field,
t in a deere ſummer, no water will yeeld:
ſhing and cutting, that mud vpon heapes,
nmodities many the huſbandman reapes.

A leſſon where and when to plant a *good Hopyard*

Whom fanſie perſwadeth among other crops,
haue for his ſtanding, ſufficient of hops:
t willingly follow, of choiſes to chuſe,
h leſſons approued, as ſkilful do vſe.

Naught for hops.

20 Ground gratelip, sandy, and mixed with claie,
is naughty for hops any manner of waie:
Or if it be mingled with rubbish and stone,
for vineste and barrennesse let it alone.

Good for hops.

21 Chose soile for the hop, of the rottenest mould,
wel dounged and wrought, as a garden plot should:
Not far from the water (but not ouerflowne,)
this lesson well noted, is meet to be knowne.

22 The sun in the south, or else southly and west,
is ioy to the hop, as a welcommed ghest:
But wind in the north, or else northerly eall,
to hop is as ill, as a fray in a feast.

23 Meet plot for a hoppard once found as is told,
make thereof account, as of iewel of gold:
Now dig it and leaue it the sun for to burne,
and afterward fense it, to serue for that turne.

The praise of hops.

24 The hop for his profit, I thus do exalt,
it strengtheneth drinke, and it saueth malt:
And being well vsed, long kept it will last,
and drawing aboue, if ye draw not too fast.

¶ Lulies Abstract.

Chap. 43.

GOod sirs and awate,
to ted and make haie.
If stormes draw nie,
then cocke apace crie.

2 Let haie still abide,
till well it be dride,
Haie made, awaie carrie,
no longer then tarrie.

3 Who best way tisheth,
he best wate thinketh.

4 Two good haymakers,
worth twentie rakers.

5 Let dallops aboue,
be vnknowne vnto loue.
See you do lake greene,
for field ye rake cleane.

6 Thy fallow I pray thee,
least thistles betwaie thee.

7 Cut off good knobbe,
ripe beane with a knife.

8 Ripe hempe out cull,
from carle to pull,
let seed hemp grow,
till more ye know.

9 Dri

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lar get in,
inners to spin.
g mow or pluck,
anke or buck,

ne wormeseed sane,
arch to pane.

11 Sparke physicke tene,
of wormwood ann rue:
Get grithe to the mill,
for wanting at will.

Thus endeth Iulies abstract, agreeing with Iulies husbandrie.

¶ Iulies husbandry.

Chap. 44.

No tempest grow Iuly
Least corne lodge ruly.

Forgotten month past,
Doo now at the last.

Hay haruest.

O muster thy seruants, be captaine thy selfe,
prouiding them weapon and armes like selfe:
bottles and wallets, keepe field in the heat,
feare is as much as the danger is great.

ith tolling and raking and setting on cot,
asse lately in swathes, is meet for an ore:
t done go and cart it and haue it away,
e battel is fought, ye haue gotten the day.

Hay thy tithes.

ais fully thy tithes whatsoeuer thou be,
at God may in blessing send season to thee:
ough vicar be bad, or the parson euill,
o not for thy tithing thy selfe to the diuel.

t haie be wel made, or annise rise among,
or mouldring in mow, or of firing thy house:
p counsell aside, for thy oxe and the cow,
he finest for sheepe, and thy geasing allow.

Then downe with thy hedlonds, that groweth about,
eaue neuer a balliop, dunnow and hadbut:
hough grasse be but thin, about barly and peasse,
et picked vp clean, ye shal find there in ease.

Thy fallowing.

Thy fallow betime, for destroying of weed,
east thistle and docke, fall a blooming and seed:
uch season may chance, it shall stand thee vpon,
o till it againe yer a summer be gon.

7 Not

7 Not rent off but cut off, ripe beane with a knife,
for hindering ſtalke, of her vegetiue life:
So gather the loweſt, and leauing the top,
ſhall teach thee a tricke, for to double thy crop.

¶ Gathering of garden beanes.

8 Wife plucke fro thy ſeed hemp, the fimble hempe cleen,
this loketh more yellow, the other more green:
Vſe tone for thy ſpinning, leaue michel the tother,
for ſhew thread and halter, for rope and ſuch other.

¶

9 Now pluck vp thy flare, for thy maidens to ſpin,
firſt ſee it dried, and timely got in:
And mow vp thy dranke, and away with it die,
and houſe it vp cloſe, out of danger to lie.

¶

10 While wormwood hath ſeed, get a handful or twaine,
to ſaue againſt March, to make flea to retraine:
Where chambers is ſweeped, and wormwood is ſtrown,
no flea for his life, dare abide to be knowen.

11 What ſauor is better, if phiſicke be true,
for places infected, than wormwood and rue:
It is as a comfort for hart and the braine,
and therefore to haue it, it is not in vaine:

¶

12 Get grift to the mill, to haue plenty in ſtore,
leaſt miller lacke water, as many do more:
The meale the more yeeldeth, if ſeruant be true,
and miller that tolleth, take none but his due.

Thus endeth Iuſtes huſbandry.

¶ Auguſtes Abſtract.

Chap 45.

THy fallow woon,
get compaſſe doon.

2 In June and in Awe,
ſwing brakes for a law.

3 Pare ſaffron plot,
forget it not.
His dwelling make trim,
loke ſhortly for him.

When harueſt is gon,
then ſaffron comes on.

4 A little of ground,
brings ſaffron a pound:
The pleaſure is fine,
the profit is thine.
Keepe colour in dieng,
wel vſed worth buieng.

5 Maids

aids muſtard ſeed reape,
nd laie on a heape.
wd neighbor indeed,
ange ſeed for ſeed.
ow ſtrike vp drum,
ome harneſt man come:
ake paine for gaine,
ne knaue mars twaine.
eape corne by the daie,
aſt corne do decaie.
by great is the cheaper,
truſtie were reaper.
ow horne for ſleapers,
d cheare vp thy reapers.
Mel doing who loueth,
ſe harneſt points prouideth.
ay Gods part furſt,
not of the wurſt.
ow parſon (I ſaie)
carieth awaie.
epe cart gap weele,
e hog from wheele.
olue halome to burne,
ſerue thy turne.
bake thy bread,
burne vnder lead.
owne halome being drie,
longer let lie.
et home thy halome,
ſſt weather is cawme.
owne barlie leſſe coſt,
nowne much loſt.
eape barlie with ſickle,
t lies in ill pickle.

Let greeneſt ſtand,
for making of band.
Bands made without dew,
will hold but a few.

18 Laie bands to find her,
two rakes to a binder.

19 Rake after ſith,
and paie thy tith.
Corne caried all,
then rake it ye ſhall.

20 Let ſhocke take wheat,
leaſt goſe take heat.
Yet it is beſt reaſon,
to take it in ſeaſon.

21 More often ye turne,
more peaſe ye out ſpurne
yet winnow them in,
yer cariage begin.

22 Thy carting plie,
while weather is drie.

23 Bid gouing clim,
goue inſt and trim.
Laie wheat for ſeed,
to come by at need.
Seed barlie caſt,
to threſh out laſt.

24 Laie peaſe vpon ſtacke,
if houell ye lacke.
And couer it ſtraight,
from doues that waight.

25 Let gleaners gleane,
(the poore I meane)
Which euer ye lowe,
that firſt eat lowe.
The other forbeare,
for rowen to ſpare.

26 Come home lord ſinging,
come home corne bringing.
tis merie in hall,
when beards wag all.

27 Once had thy deſire,
paie workeman his hier.
Let none be begilde,
man, woman, or child.

28 Thanke God ye ſhall,
and adew for all.

Works after harueſt.

29 Get tumbrel in hand,
for thy barlie land,

30 The better the mucke,
the better good lucke.

31 Still cariage is good,
for timber and wood.
No longer delaies,
to mend the high waies.

32 Some loue as a iewell,
Well placing of iewell.

33 In piling of logs,
make houell for hogs.

34 Wiſe plow doth crie,
to picking of rie.

35 Such ſéed as ye ſowe,
ſuch reape or elſe mow.

36 Take ſhipping or ride,
lent ſtuffe to prouide.

37 Let haberdine lie,
in peaſe ſtraw drie.

38 When out ye ride,
leaue a good guide.

39 Some profit ſpie out,
by riding about.
Marke now through yeare,
what cheap, what deare.

40 Some ſkil doth well,
to buie and to ſell.
Of theeſe who buieth,
in danger lieth.

41 Commoditie knowne,
abroad is blowne.

42 At firſt hand buie,
at third let lie.

43 Haue money preſt,
to buie at the beſt.

44 Some cattel home bring,
for Michelmas ſpring.
By hauke and hound,
ſmall profit is found.

45 Diſpatch loke home,
to loitering mone.
Prouide or repent,
milchcow for lent,

46 Now crone your ſhéepe,
fat thoſe ye keepe.
Leaue milking old cow,
fat aged vp now.

47 Sel butter and chéeſe,
good faires ſelue leeſe,
At faires go buie,
home wants to ſupplie.

48 If hops loke bidwin,
go gather them down.
But now in the dew,
for pidling with few.

49 Of

of hops this knacke,
neanie do lack.
nce had thy will,
couer his hill.
ake hop to thy dole,
breake not his pole.

earne here (thou ſtranger)
rame hop manger.

op poles preſerue,
aine to ſerue.
p poles by and by,
g ſafe vp to drie.
aſt poles war ſcant,
w poles go plant.

53 The hop wel dride,
will beſt abide.
Hops dried in loft,
aſke tendance oft.
And ſhed their ſeeds,
much more than néeds.

54 Hops dride ſmall coſt,
ill kept halfe loſt.
Hops quickly be ſpilt,
take héed if thou wilt.

55 Some come ſome go,
this life is ſo.

Thus endeth Auguſtes abſtract, agréeing with Auguſtes husbandrie.

¶ Auguſts husbandry.
Chap. 46.

Drie Auguſt and warme,
Doth harueſt no harme.

Forgotten month paſt,
Do now at the laſt.

Ny fallow once ended, go ſtrike by and by,
both wheatland and barly, and ſo let it lie:
as ye haue leiſure, go compaſſe the ſame,
en vp ye do laie it, more fruitful to frame.

t downe with thy brakes, yer any ſhewers do come,
t cattel the better, may paſture haue ſome.
une and in Auguſt, as wel doth appeare,
eſt to mow brakes, of al times in the yeere.

re ſaffron betweene the two S. Maries daies,
t or go ſhift it, that kno weſt the waies:
at yeere ſhal I do it (more profit to yeeld)
fourth in the garden, the third in the field.

hauing but forty foot, workmanly dight,
ſaffron inough for a Lord and a knight:
nter time after, as practiſe doth teach.
at plot haue ye better, for linnen to bleach.

Paring of ſaffron.

¶ Huſwifery.

¶ 5 Maids muſtard ſeed gather, for being too ripe,
and weather it well, yer ye giue it a ſtripe:
Then dreſſe it, and lay it in ſoller vp ſweet,
leaſt foiſtines make it, for table vnmeet.

6 Good huſwiues in ſummer, will ſaue their owne ſeeds,
againſt the next yeare, as occaſion needs:
One ſeed for another, to make an exchange,
with fellowly neighbourhood, ſeemeth not ſtrange.

7 Make ſure of reapers, get harueſt in hand,
the corne that is ripe, doth but ſhed as it ſtand:
Be thankful to God, for his benefit ſent,
and willing to ſaue it, with earneſt intent,

Champion by great, the other by day.

8 To let out thy harueſt, by great or by day,
let this by experience, lead thee the way:
By great will deceiue thee, with lingring it out,
by day will diſpatch, and put all out of dout.

Good harueſt points.

9 Grant harueſt lord more, by a peny or two,
to call on his fellowes the better to do:
Giue gloues to thy reapers, a largeſs to crie,
and daily to loiterers, haue a good eie.

10 Reape wel, ſcatter not, gather cleane that is ſhorne,
bind faſt, ſhocke apace, haue an eie to thy corne:
Lode ſafe, carry home, follow time being faire,
goue iuſt in the barne, it is out of diſpaire.

11 Tith truly and duly, with harty good will,
that God and his bleſſing, may dwel with thee ſtil:
Though parſon neglecteth, his duty for this,
thanke thou thy Lord God, and giue euery man his.

12 Corne tithed (ſir parſon) to gather go get,
and cauſe it on ſhocks, to be by and by ſet:
Not leauing it ſcattering, abroad on the ground,
nor long in the field, but away with it round.

13 To cart gap and barne, ſet a guide to loke weele,
and hoy out ſir carter, the hog fro thy wheele:
Leaſt greedy of feeding, in following cart,
it noyeth or periſheth, ſpight of thy hart.

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u champion countrey a pleaſure they take,
mow vp their harome, for to drew and to bake:
alſo it ſtands from in ſtead of their cocke,
ich being well tuned they cannot well lacke.

Che hawme is the ſtraw of the wheat or the rie,
ich once being reaped, they mow by and by:
feare of deſtroying with cattel or raine,
e ſooner ye load it, more profit ye gaine.

Che mowing of barly, if barly do ſtand,
heapeſt and beſt, for to rid out of hand:
ne mow it, and rake it, and ſets it on cocks,
e mow it and binds it, and ſets it on ſhocks:

f barly the longeſt and greeneſt ye finde.
e ſtanding by vallops till time ye do binde:
n earlie in morning (while dew is thereon)
naking of bands, till the ſtraw be al gone.

ne ſpreadeth thoſe bands ſo in order to lie, Spreding of barly bands.
barly (in ſwatches) may fil it ſtreight by:
ich gathered vp with the rake and the hand,
follower after them, turneth in hand.

Where barly is raked (if dealing be true) ¶ Tith of rakings.
enth of ſuch raking, to parſons is due:
re ſcattering of barlie, is ſeene to be much,
e cuſtome nor conſcience, anie ſhould grutch.

yme being had home (any way ye allow)
ld wither as needeth, for burning in mow:
skill appertaineth, to harvell mans art.
taken in time, is a husbandly part.

o turning of ſeaſon, till carriage ye make,
urne in no more, then ye minde for to take:
beaten with ſhowers, ſo turned to late,
urning and boiling, they ſhed as they lie.

weather be faire, and tide thy graine,
e ſpeedilie carriage, for feare of a raine:
mpeſt and ſhowers deceiveth a mente,
lingring lubbers, loſe many a pente.

23 In gouing at harueſt, learne ſkilfully how,
each graine for to laie, by it ſelfe on a mow:
Sæd barly the pureſt, goue out of the way,
al other nigh hand, goue as iuſt as ye may.

24 Stacke peaſe vpon houel, abroad in the yard,
to couer it quickly, let dinner regard:
Leaſt doue and the cadow, there finding a ſmacke,
with ill ſtormy weather, do perish thy ſtacke.

25 Corne caried, let ſuch as be poore go and gleane,
and after thy cattel, to mouth it vp cleane.
Then ſpare it for rowen, til Michel be paſt,
to lengthen thy hairy, no better thou haſt.

26 In harueſt time harueſt folke, ſeruants and all,
ſhould make altogether, good cheere in the hal:
And fill out the blacke bol, al bleith be their ſong,
and let them be merry al harueſt time long.

Make merry harueſt folke

27 Once ended thy harueſt, let none be begilde,
pleaſe ſuch as did pleaſe thee, man, woman and childe:
Thus doing, with almes ſuch helpe as they can,
thou winneſt the praiſe, of the labouring man.

Thank God for all.

28 Now looke vp to God ward, let tong neuer ceaſe,
in thanking of him, for his mighty increaſe:
Accept my good will, for a proofe ga and trie,
the better thou thriueſt, the gladder am I.

Workes after harueſt.

29 Now carry out compoſt, when harueſt is done,
where barlie then ſoweſt, my champion ſoune:
Or lay it on heape, in the field as ye may,
til carriage be taken, to haue it away.

30 Whoſe compoſt is rotten, and tourned in time,
and ſpreed as it ſhould be, thy barlie neuer can cline:
Whoſe compoſt is paltry, and caried too late,
ſuch husbandry ſheth, that many do hate.

31 Yet winter preuenteth, while weather is good,
for galling of paſture, get home with thy wood:

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o carry out grauel, to fil vp a hole,
oth timber and furzin, the turfe and the cole.
houſe charcole and ſedge, chip and cole of the land,
le tal wood and billet, ſtacke al that hath hand:
ocks, roots, pole and bough, ſet vpright to the thetch,
e neerer noze handſome, in winter to fetch.
In ſtacking of bauen and piling of logs,
nake vnder thy bauen, a bouel for dogs:
warmely inclole it, al ſauing the mouth,
d that to ſtand open, and fal to the ſouth.
Once harueſt diſpatched, get wenches and boies,
nto thy barne, before al other toies:
ifted ſeed to be picked, and trimly wel fine,
ſeed may no longer, from threſhing abide.
Set ſeed aforehand in a readines hand,
better prouide, if thine owne be to bad:
careful of ſeed, or elſe ſuch as ye ſowe,
ſure at harueſt, to repe or to mowe.
When harueſt is ended, take chipping or ride,
ng, ſaltfiſh and herring, for Lent to prouide: Prouiſion for lent.
bute it at firſt, as it commeth to rode,
al pay for thy charges, thou ſpendeſt abroad.
Chooſe ſkilfully ſaltfiſh not burnt at the ſtone,
y ſuch as be good, or elſe let it alone:
home that is bought, and go ſtacke it vp drie,
ith peaſe ſtraw betweene it, the later to lie.
er euer ye iourney, cauſe ſeruant with ſpeed,
compas thy barly land, where it is need:
aker wel compaſſed, paſſeth ſome three,
barne ſhal at harueſt, declare it to thee.
This leſſon is learned, by riding about,
e prices of victels, the yeare throughout:
what to be ſelling, and what to refraine,
what to be buying, and lying in a gaine.
ough buying and ſelling, doth wonderful wel,
ſuch as haue ſkil, how to bute and to ſel:

Yet chopping and changing, I cannot commend,
with theefe of his marrow, for feare of ill end.

41 The rich in his bargaining needs not to be taught,
of buier and feller, ful fast is he sought:
Yet herein consisteth a part of my text,
who buieth at first hand, and who at the next.

Buying at first hand.

42 At first hand he buieth, that paieth al downe,
at second that hath not so much in the towne:
At third hand he buieth, that buieth of trust,
at his hand who buieth, shal pale for his lust.

Ready money buyeth best cheape.

43 As oft as ye bargaine, for better or worse,
to buie it the cheaper, haue chinks in thy purse:
Touch kept is commended, yet credit to keepe,
is pay and dispatch him, per euer ye sleepe.

44 Be mindfull abroad of a Michelmas spring,
for thereon dependeth a husbandly thing:
Though some haue a pleasure, with hauke vpon hand,
good husbands get treasure, to purchase their land.

45 Thy market dispatched, turne home againe round,
least gaping for peny, thou lose it a pound:
Prouide for thy wife, or else looke to be shent,
good mulchow for winter, another for Lent.

46 In trauelling homeward, buie forty good crones,
and fat vp the bodies of such lasty bones:
Leaue milking, and dele vp old mully thy cow,
the crooked and aged, to fatting put now.

47 At Bartelmewtide, or at Sturbridge faire,
buie that as is needful, thy house to repaire:
Then sel to thy profit, both butter and cheese,
who buieth it sooner, the more he shal leese.

Hops gathering.

48 If hops do looke brownish, then are ye too slow,
if longer ye suffer, those hops for to grow:
Now sooner ye gather, more profit is found,
if weather be faire, and the dew of the ground.

49 Not breake off, but cut off, from hop the hop string,
leaue growing a little, againe for to spring:

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se hil about pared, and therewith new clad,
nourish moze sets, against March to be had.

p hillock discharged of euery let,
en without breaking, ech pole ye out get:
ch being entangled, about in the tops.
urry to such, as are plucking of hops.

ke soutage oz hatre (that couers the kel)
ke to a manger, and fastened wel:
p poles vpon crotches as hie as the best,
uing and riddance, is husbandry best.

ps had, the hop poles that are likely preserue,
n breaking and rotting) againe foz to serue:
lant ye with Alders, oz willowes a plot,
cē yearely as needeth, no poles may be got.

ome skilfully dreth, their hops on a kel,
some on a soller, oft turning them wel:
tde wil abide, foule weather and faire,
ce drying and lying, in loft do despaire.

ome close them vp drie, in a bag shed oz sat.
anuas oz soutage, is better then that:
ying and lying, they quickly be spilt,
s much haste I shewed, do now as thou wilt.

d farmer is forced, long August to make,
goods at more leisure, away foz to take:
farmer thinketh each hower a day,
l the old farmer, be packing away.

The order of hops gathering.

Keeping of hops.

Thus endeth and holdeth out Augusts husbandry, til Michelmas Eue.

Tho. Tusser.

¶ Corne harueſt equally diuided into ten parts. Chap. 47.

e part cast forth, for rent due out of hand,
e other part, for seed to sow thy land.
ther part, leaue parson for his tith,
ther part, for harueſt, sickle and sith,

For naperie, sope and candle, salt and sawce, tinker and coper, brasse and pewter.

5 One part for ploughwright, cartwright, knacker and smith,
6 One part to vphold thy teemes that draw therewith,
7 Another part for seruant and workmans wages late,
8 One part likewise for libellie date by date,
9 One part thy wife for needfull things doth craue.
10 Thy selfe and thy child the last part would haue.

WHo mindes to quote,
vpon this note,
may easly find inough:
What charge and paine,
to little gaine,
doth follow toiling plough.

Yet farmer may,
thanke God and say,
for yeerely such good hap,
Welfare the plough,
that sends inough,
to stop so great a gap.

A briefe conclusion, where you may see,
Each word in the verse, to begin with a T.

Chap. 48.

THye thrifte that teacheth thy thriuing to haue,
Teach timelie to trauerse the thing that thou triue,
Transferring thy toiling, to timelinesse tought.
This teacheth thee temperance, to temper thy thought.
Take trustie (to trust to) that thriueth to thriue,
That truthfulie thriftinesse, trolleth to thee,
Then temper thy trauell to tarrie the tide,
This teacheth thee thriftinesse twentie times tride.
Take thankful thy talent, thanke thankefully those,
That thriftilie teacheth, thy time to transpose.
Troth twixle to thee teached, teach twentie times ten,
This trade that thou takest, take thrift to thee then.

Triue for, contriue.

¶ *Mans age deuided here you haue,*
By prentiship from birth to graue.

Chap. 49.

7 The first seuen yeeres bring vp as a child,
14 The next to learning, for waxing too wild,
21 The next keepe vnder, for hobbard de hoy,
28 The next a man, no longer a boy.

35 Th

he next, let lusty lay wisely to witte,
he next, late now or else neuer to thrifte:
he next, make sure for teadme of thy life,
he next, take somewhat for children and wife,
he next, be glad, giue ouer thy lust.
he next, thinke surely whither thou must.
he next, get choose and crotchets to slay,
he next, to heauen God send vs the way.
Who loseth their youth, shal rue it in age,
Who hateth the truth, in sorrow shal rage,

¶ Another diuision of the nature of mans age.

Chap. 50.

The Ape, the Lion, the Fox, the Asse,
Thus sets forth man, as in a glasse:
Like apes we be toying, til twenty and one,
Then lusty as Lions, til forty be gone:
Then wilie as Foxes, til threescore and three,
Then asses for aules, accounted we be.
e pleases with his betters, this lesson must know,
ur humblenes for, to the Lion doth shewe
Ape with his toleng, and rudenesse of Asse,
ings (out of gods boute) displeasure to passe.

aring good husband, with vnthrift his brother
etter discerneth, the tone from the tother.

Chap. 51.

husbandry braggeth,
o go with the best:
husbandry haggeth,
old in his chest.
husbandry trudgeth,
nothrifts about:
husbandry snudgeth,
are of a nout.

Ill husbandry spendeth,
abroad like a mome:
Good husbandry tendeth,
his charges at home.
Ill husbandry selleth,
his corne on the ground:
Good husbandry smelleth,
no graine shall goe round.

5 Ill

5 Ill husbandry loseth,
for lacke of good sense:
Good husbandry closeth,
and gaineth the pense.

6 Ill husbandry trusteth,
to him and to hir:
Good husbandry lusteth,
himselfe for to stur.

7 Ill husbandry eateth,
himselfe out of doore:
Good husbandry meateth,
himselfe and the poore.

8 Ill husbandry daieth,
or letteth it lie:
Good husbandry worketh,
the cheaper to bie.

9 Ill husbandry lurketh,
and stealeth a sleepe:
Good husbandry worketh,
his houshold to keepe.

10 Ill husbandry liueth,
by that and by this:
Good husbandry giueth,
to erie man his.

11 Ill husbandry taketh,
and spendeth vp al:
Good husbandry maketh,
good shift with a final.

12 Ill husbandry praieth,
his wife to make shift:
Good husbandry saith,
take this of my gift.

13 Ill husbandry howseth,
at fortune to take:
Good husbandry rowseth,
himselfe as a hauke.

14 Ill husbandry lieth,
in prison for debt:
Good husbandry spieth,
where profit to get.

15 Ill husbandry waies,
hath to fraud what ye can:
Good husbandry praise,
hath of euery man.

16 Ill husbandry neuer,
hath wealth to keepe touch
Good husbandry euer,
hath peny in pouch:

God husband his boone,
Or request hath a far:
Ill husband alone,
Hath a tode with an R.

A comparison betweene Champion, country, and seuer all. Chap. 52.

THe country inclosed I praise,
the tother delighteth not me,
For nothing the wealth it doth raise,
to such as inferiour be.
How both of them partly I know,
here somewhat I mind for to show,

Tusser, Thos.

There ſwineheard that keepeth the hog,
there neatheard with cur and his horne,
There ſhepheard with whiſtle and dog,
the fenſe to the medow and corne.
There horſe being tide on a balke:
is ready with theefe for to walke.

Where al thing in common do reſt,
corne feeld with the paſture and mead,
Though common ye do for the beſt,
yet what doth it ſtand you in ſtead:
There common as commoners vſe,
for otherwiſe ſhalt thou not chooſe,

What later much better than there,
or cheaper (thereon to do wel:)
What drudgery more any where,
leſſe good thereof where can ye tel:
What gotten by ſummer is ſeene:
in winter is eaten vp cleene.

Example by Leiceſter ſhire,
what ſoile can be better then that:
For any thing hart can deſire,
and yet doth it want ye ſee what.
Hall, couert, cloſe, paſture and wood:
and other things needfull as good.

All theſe do incloſure bring,
experience teacheth no leſſe,
I ſpeake not to boaſt of the thing,
but only a troth to expreſſe.
Example (if doubt ye do make:)
by Suffolke and Eſſex go take. Incloſure

More plenty of mutton and beefe,
corne, butter and cheeſe of the beſt,
More wealth any where (to be breefe)
more people, more handſome and preſt,
Where find ye: (go ſearch any coaſt:)
than there where incloſure is moſt. Seuerall.

8 More worke for the labouring man,
as wel in the towne as the field,
Or thereof deuise (if ye can)
more profit what countries do yeeld:
More seldome where see ye the poore,
go begging from doore vnto doore.

Champion countrey.

9 In Norffolke behold the despaire,
of tillage too much to be borne,
By drouers from faire vnto faire,
and others destroying the corne,
By custome and couetous pates,
by gaps and opening of gates.

10 What speake I of commoners by,
with drawing al after a line,
So noying the corne as it lie,
with cattel, with connies and swine:
When thou hast bestowed thy cost,
looke halfe of the same to be lost.

11 The flocks of the lords of the soile,
do yeerely the wintercorne wrong,
The same in a manner they spoile,
with feeding so low and so long.
And therefore that champion field,
doth seldome good wintercorne yeeld.

Champion annoiances.

12 By Cambridge a towne I do know,
where many good husbands do dwel,
Whose losses by lossels doth shew,
more heere then is needfull to tel.
Determine at court what they shal,
performed is nothing at al.

13 The champion robbeth by night,
and prowleth and filcheth by daie,
Himselfe and his beast out of sight,
doth spoileth and maketh away.
Not only thy grasse but thy corne:
doth after and yer it be shorne.

Peaſe bolt with thy peaſe he wil haue,
his houſhold to feed and his hog:
ow ſtealeth he, now wil he craue,
nd now will he coſen and cog.
n bridewel a number be ſtript:
eſſe worthy then theeſe to be whipt.

The ore boy as ill is as he,
r worſer if worſe may be found,
r ſpoiling from thine and from thee,
f graſſe and of corne on the ground,
ay neuer ſo well for to ſaue it,
y night or by day he wil haue it.

What orchard vnrobbed eſcapes?
n pullet dare walke in their ſet?
ut homeward or outwards (like apes)
hey count it their own they can get.
rd, if ye do take them, what ſturs,
ow hold they together like burs?

For commons theſe commoners crie,
nclosing they may not abide,
t ſome be not able to buie,
cow with a calfe by her ſide.
r lay not to liue by their worke,
ut theeuiſhly lotter and lurke.

The Lord of the towne is to blame,
r theſe and for many faults mo,
n that he both know of the ſame,
et lets it vnpunished go.
uch Lords ill example do giue:
here varlets and drabs ſo may liue.

What footpaths are made and how broad
nnoiance too much to be borne,
ith horſe and with cattell what rode,
s made through euery mans corne?
here champions ruleth the roſt,
here daily diſorder is moſt.

20 Their sheepe when they driue for to wash,
how careles such sheepe they do guide?
The farmer they leaue in the lash,
With losses on euery side.
Though any mans corne they do bite:
they will not allow him a mite.

21 What hunting and hawking is there?
corne looking for sickle at hand,
Acts lawles to do without feare,
how yeerely togither they band.
More harme to another wil do:
then they would be done so vnto.

22 More profit is quieter found,
(where pastures in seuerall be:)
Of one tillie aker of ground,
then champion maketh of three.
Againe what a toy it is knowne:
when men may be bold with their own?

Champion
seuerall.

23 The tone is commended for graine,
yet bread made of beanes they do eate,
The tother for one lose hath twaine,
of mastlin, of rie, or of wheat.
The champion liueth ful bare:
when woodland ful merry do fare.

Champion
seueral

24 Tone giueth his corne in a dearth,
to horsse, sheepe and hog erie day.
The tother giue cattell warme barth,
and feed them with straw and with hay.
Corne spent of the tone so in vaine:
the tother doth sell to his gaine.

25 Tone barefoot and ragged do go,
and ready in winter to sterue,
When tother ye see do not so,
but hath that is needful to serue.
Tone paine in a cottage doth take,
when tother trim bowers do make.

26 Tone

Tone saieth for turfe and for sedge,
and hath it with wonderfull suit,
Tother in euery hedge,
hath plenty of fewel and fruit.
Tuils twenty times worser then these,
enclosure quickly would ease.

7 In woodland the poore men that haue,
scarce fully two akers of land.
Poore merily liue and do saue,
than tother with twenty in hand.
et pay they as much for the two,
as tother for twenty must do.

8 The labourer comming from thence,
n woodland to worke any where,
I warrant you) goeth not hence,
o worke any more againe there.
f this same be true (as it is)
why gather they nothing of this?

9 The poore at inclosure doth grutch,
because of houses that fall,
east some man should haue but too much,
and some againe nothing at all.
If order might therein be found,
What were to the seueral ground.

Champion.

Seuerall.

Seuerall.

he description of an enuious and naughty neighbour.

Chap. 54.

nuious neighbour is easie to find,
cumberlome seruices are behinde.
ed procureth from naughty to worse,
nother like Iudas that caried the purse.
o is a stonehouse with quarrels full fraught,
ne is vnquiet till all come to naught.
nore pregnant old tales to recite,
n euer liued, ech ill to requite.

His mouth ful of venim, his lips out of frame,
His toong a false witnes, his friend to defame.
His eies be promoters, some trespas to spie,
His eares be as spials, alarum to crie.
His hands be as tyrants, reuenging each thing,
His feet at thine elbow, as serpent to sting.
His breast ful of rancor, like canker to freat,
His hart like a Lion, his neighbor to eate.
His gate like a sheepbiter, flæring aside,
His looke like a corcombe, vp puffed with pride.
His face made of brasse, like a vice in a game,
His gesture like Dauus, whō Terēce doth name.
His brag as Therſites, with elbowes abroad,
His cheekes in his fury, shal swel like a tode.
His colour like ashes, his cap in his eies,
His nose in the ayre, his snout in the skies.
His promise to trust to, as slippery as ice,
His credit much like to, the chance of the dice.
His knowledge or skil, is in prating too much,
His company shunned, and to be al such.
His friendship is counterfet, seldome to trust,
His dooings vnlucky, and euer vniust.
His fetch is to flatter, to get what he can,
His purpose once gotten a pin for thee than.

A sonet against a slanderous toong.

Chap. 54.

Doth darnel good, among the slowrie wheat?
Do thistles good, so thicke in fallow spide?
Do taint wormes good, that lurke where or should eate?
Or sucking drones, in hiue where bees abide?
Do hornets good, or these same biting gnats?
Foule swelling tades, what good by them is seene?
In house wel dect, what good do gnawing rats?
Or casting moldes, among the meadows greene?
Doth heauy newes, make glad the hart of man?
Or noisome smels, what good doth that to health?

Nod

Tusser, Thos.

ce for al, what good (shew who so can)
ing snakes, to this our common wealth:
more good doth, a peeuish slanderous toong,
hurts it selfe, and noies both old and yong.

onnet vpon the Authors first seuen
yeeres seruice. Chap. 55.

imes hath Ianus tane new yeare by hand,
times hath blustering March, blowen forth his powze,
ut Aprill buds, by sea and land,
n May, to decke most trim with flowze.
nes hath temperate Ver, like pageant plaid,
ant Aestas eke, hir flowers told:
nes Autumnus heat hath been delaid,
ems boisterous blasts, and bitter cold.
nes the thirteene moones, haue changed hew,
nes the sun his course hath gone about:
es ech bird, hir nest hath built anew,
time you to serue, I chosen out.
l yours am I, though thus the time haue past,
d trust to be, as long as life shal last.

Man minded for to thriue,
must wisely lay to wiue:
What hap may thereby fall,
here argued find ye shall.

e Authours dialogue betweene two
chelers of wiuing and thriuing by Affirma-
tion and obiection. chap. 56.

Affirmation.

Riend, where we met this other day,
the heard one make his mone and say,
Good Lord how might I thriue?
e heard another answere him,
en make thee handsome, trick and trim,
nd late in time to wiue.

Obiection.

And what of that say you to me?
Do you your selfe thinke that to be,
the best way for to thriue:
If truth were truly bolted out,
As touching that I stand in doubt,
If men were best to wiue.

Affirmation.

There is no doubt, for proue I can,
I haue but fildome seene that man,
which could the way to thriue:
Until it was his happy lot,
To stay himselfe in some good plot,
and wisely then to wiue.

Obiection.

And I am of another mind,
For by no reason can I find,
how that way I should thriue:
For whereas now I spend a peny,
I should not then be quite with meny,
through bondage for to wiue.

Affirmation.

Not so, for now where thou dost spend
Of this and that to no good end,
which hindreth thee to thriue:
Such vain expenses thou should'st saue
And daily then lay more to haue,
as others do that wiue.

Obiection.

Why then do folke this prouerbe put,
The blacke ox nere trode on thy fut,
If that way were to thriue:
Herebie a man may soone perceiue forth,
Fets seeketh what a peny is worth,
til such time as they wiue.

Affirmation.

It may so chance as thou dost say,
This lesson therefore beare away,

Tusser, Thos.

If thereby thou wilt thriue:
Looke yer thou leaue the yere thou go,
It may be for thy profit so,
for thee to liue in quietnesse.

Obiection.

It is too much ado all the yere,
To wiue and thriue both in a yere,
As touching now to thriue:
I know not how it may be tide,
But that there doth fatal destinie,
to tarrie for to wiue.

Affirmation.

In deed the first yere oft is such.
That fondly some be troubled much,
A let to them to thriue:
Yet other no more losse be found,
Which getteth many a fine pound,
the same day that they wiue.

Obiection.

I grant some getteth by wiue that day,
Than they can call it home many,
Now needs must they thriue?
What gaineth they that chaunce ye by that:
little but thereon now and that,
Through fondnesse for to wiue.

Thou seest well this and much more,
It is not beauty bringeth in,
The thing to make thee thriue:
In woman loue se that ye win,
Require of her no more but mine,
when as ye minde to wiue.

But two sayings I pray you than,
Shew those absolutly as you can,
If that may helpe to thriue:
Weene we shall out of one anon,
Of those fiue two to wiue to whether on,
When as ye chance to wiue.

Honesty & huswifery.

Affirmation.

An honest huswife trust to me,
Be thou se same thwaine I say to thee,
That helpe so much to thryue:
As honesty far passeth gold,
So huswifery in yong and old,
Do pleasure such as wiue.

Obiection.

The honesty indede I grant,
Is one good point the wife should haunt,
To make hir husband thryue:
But now faine would I haue you shew,
How should a man good huswife know,
If once he hap to wiue?

Affirmation.

A huswife good betimes will rise,
And order things in comly wise,
Hir mind is set to thryue:
Upon hir distaffe she will spin,
And with her needle she wil win,
If such ye hap to wiue.

Obiection.

It is not idle going about,
Nor all day picking on a clout,
Can make a man to thryue:
Or if there be no other winning,
But that the wife gets by hir spinning,
Smal thrift it is to wiue.

Affirmation.

Some more than this yet do she shal,
Although thy stocke be very small,
yet wil she helpe thee thryue:
Late thou to saue as well as she,
And then thou shalt enriched be,
When such thou hapst to wiue.

Obiection.

If she were mine I tel thee troth,
Too much to trouble hir I were loth,

For

For greedines to thriue:
Least some should tallie as is the speech,
The goodwifes husband weares no breech,
If such I hap to wiue.

Affirmation.

What hurts it thee what some do say,
If honestlie thou take the waie,
to helpe thee for to thriue?
For honesty will make hir pyll,
To do the thing that shal be best,
If such ye hap to wiue.

Obiection.

Why did Diogenes say than,
To one that askt of him time whan,
Were best to wiue to thriue?
Not yet (quoth he) if thou be yong,
If thou war old then hold thy tong,
it is too late to wiue.

Affirmation.

Belike he knew some shrewish wife,
Which with her husband made such strife
That hindred them to thriue:
Who then may blame him for that clause
Though then he spake as some had cause
As touching for to wiue?

Obiection

Why then I see to take a shrew,
(Seldome of ther there be few,)
Is not the way to thriue:
So hard a thing I finde it is,
The good to chuse, the shrew to mis,
That scarcely me to wiue.

Affirmation.

He may in some thing seeme a shrew,
Yet such a huswife as but few,
To helpe thee for to thriue:
This prayer be sure to mind ye keepe,
Good shrew is as a sheepe,
For you to take to wiue.

Obiection.

Now be she lambe or be she ewe,
Giue me the sheep take thou the shewe,
See which of vs that chaunce:
If she be shrewish thinke for troth,
For al his thrift I would be loath,
To match with such to wiue.

Association.

Tush farewel then, I leaue you off,
Such fooles as you to scoffe
shal seldome wiue to thriue:
Contrary hir, as you do me,
And then ye shall soone see,
Repent yet perchance.

Obiection.

Friend let vs both giue fitting place,
To wedded man to iudge this case,
which best way is to chuse:
For both our talke me seemeth plaine,
Is but as happeneth to our braine,
To wiue or not to wiue.
Wedded mans iudgement,
Vpon the former argument.

AS cocke that wants his mate, goes crowing all about,
With crowing earlie and late, to find his louer out.
And as poore widdo hen, long wanting cocke to guide:
Soone droops and shortly dies, begins to pearke aside.
Euen so it is with man and wife, where gouernment is sound,
The want of tone the others life, doth shortly leaue confound.

IN iest and in earnest here, as I finde,
That husband and his wife, portion must diuel,
And thereto the iudgement of wedded mans mind,
That husbandry other iniles, [illegible]
Of huswifery like as of [illegible]
How huswifely huswife, [illegible]

Thus endeth the booke of
Husbandry.

pointes of Husbiserie, vnited to
comfort of husbandry, newlie cor-
ected and amplified with diuers good
lessons for housholders to recreate the
Reader, as by the Table at the end
hereof more plainly may
appeare

Set forth by Thomas Tusser Gentleman.

he right Honourable and my especial
good Lady and Mistresse, the
Ladie Paget.

gh danger be mickle,
fauour so fickle,
ooth tickle,
e to wight:

3 For husbandrie weepeth,
Where huswifery sleepeth,
And hardlie be crepeth,
vp ladder to shift:

5 For if I should mind some,
Or descant behind some,
And musing to find some,
displease so I mought:
Or if I should blend them,
And so to offend them,
What skur I should send them,
I stand in a doubt.

6 Though harmles ye make it,
And some do wel take it,
If others forsake it,
what pleasure were that,
Naught else but to paine me,
And nothing to gaine me,
But make them disdaine me,
I wot not for what.

7 Least some make a triall,
As clocke by the diall,
Some stand to denial,
some murmure and grudge,
Giue iudgement I praie you,
For iudgde so may you,
So saide, so saie you,
I make you my iudge.

8 In time ye shall trie me,
By troth ye shall spie me,
So find, so set by me,
according to skill:
How euer tree groweth,
The fruit the tree sheweth,
Your Ladiship knoweth,
my heart and good will.

9 Though fortune doth measure
And I do lacke treasure,
Yet if I may pleasure,
your honour with this:
Then well me to mend it,
Or mend or ye lend it,
Or any where lend it,
if ought be amisse.

Your Ladiships seruant,
Thomas Tusser.

¶ To the Reader.

NOw listen good huswiues, what doings are heere,
set forth for a day, as it should for a yeere:
Both easie to follow, and soone to atchieue,
for such as by huswifery, loketh to thriue.

2 The forenoone affaires, till dinner time come,
then after noone dooings, till supper time come,
With breakefast and dinner time, supper to boted,
stands orderly placed, to quiet thine bed.

3 The meaning is this, for a day that ye see,
that monthly and yearely, continued must be.
And hereby to proue, as I purpose I intend)
that huswifelie matters, haue neuer an end.

s not by heare say, nor reading in booke,
(peraduenture) that some cannot booke:
of a spright, to be doing with ease,
h as haue taken me, many a peese.
ow both huswife, and husband may be,
ause hath a lesse better, better than shee
ssful that both of them, looke wel about,
lesse within, and to lazie without.
herefore if shee wel consider of this,
sses and crosses, comes daily amis:
ace with a louing pen as ye may,
husband of huswifery somewhat do say.

¶ The preface to the booke of *Huswiferie.*

weapon away, of what force is a man?
e huswife from husband, and what is he than?
rs do couet, together to dwel,
husbandry loueth, good huswifery wel.
husbandry taketh, to toyling in the paines,
ifery labours, seeme equal in paines.
spite to husbands, the weather may send,
wiues affaires, haue neuer an end.
As true as thy faith,
Thus huswifery saith,
e for a day, for a twelue, for a yere,
The praise of huswifery.
for hardhead, for dainty of mouth,
wel liueth, in good common wealth,
countrie, for court and for cost,
e head, and to comfort the heart.

¶ A description of huswife and *Huswiferie.*

wife doth huswifery, challenge that name,
uery huswife, doth likewise the same.

Where

Where huſband and huſwife thryfty ſoyneth with theſe,
there wealth with ſelle gotten is holden with eaſe.

2 The name of a huſwife what is it to ſay,
the wife of the houſe to the husband a ſtay:
If huſwife doth that, as belonged to her,
if husband be goodly, there needeth no ſtir.

3 The huſwife is ſhe, that to huſwifery doth fall,
the labour of hir, I do huſwifery call:
If thryft by that labour, be gotten and wonne,
then is it good huſwifery, elſe is it none.

4 The woman, the name of a huſwife hath wun,
by keeping her houſe and of comings therein:
And ſhe that with huſbande will quietly dwell,
muſt thinke on this leſſon, and follow it wel.

¶ Inſtructions to huſwifery.

Serue God is the firſt,
True loue is not wurſt,

A Dallie good leſſon of huſwife vſed be,
is God to remember, the better to ſpede.

2 Another good leſſon, alſo muſt ſhe learne,
is huſwife with huſbande, to time all hir affaire:

Wiſe ſeemly and ſtill,
Man out, huſwife chiefe,

3 Though trickly to ſee to, be gallant to ſhine,
yet comly and wiſe is the huſwife to fine.

4 When huſbande is abſent, and huſwife be ſtyrring,
and looke to their labour, their eaſe and their profite.

Both out and alſo,
Keepe houſe and home,

5 Where huſband and huſwife both out of place,
there ſeruants do looſe, and ſpende their caſe.

6 The huſwife ſo nature (of euerything the houſe)
muſt tend on hir profit, as cat on the mouſe.

Seeke home for reſt,
For home is the beſt.

7 As huſwifes for profite do ſeeke to be ſtirring about,
ſo ſhe be not ſlouthfull, the profite to driue out.

8 Though

usser, Thos.

home be but homely, yet huſwife is taught,
e hath no fellow, to ſuch as haue ought.
Vſe all with skill,
Aske what ye will.
ge wothy knowledge, and quiet withal,
ſuite to ſhine, as the ſunne on the wal.
huſband refuſeth al comly to haue,
a good huſwife, al willing to ſaue.
Be ready at need,
Al things to feed.
ſe of good huſwiues, thus daily doth ſtand,
er ſhal chaunce, to be ready at hand,
are hath a huſwife, al day in her hed,
ings in ſeaſon, be huſwifely fed.
By practiſe go muſe,
How houſhold to vſe.
practiſe is ſhe, that to huſwife doth tell,
ay for to gouerne, hir family well.
aborers gently, keepe this as a law,
ild to be ciuile, keepe ſeruant in awe.
Who careleſſe do liue,
Offence thereby giue.
euery where, a reſpect to thy wales,
ne of thy life, any ſlander may raiſe.
t many do know, though a time it be hid,
gth wil abroad, when a miſchiefe ſhal bid.
No neighbor reproue,
Do as to haue loue.
lous of thy neighbor ſhal ſtand thee in ſteed,
et the glauder, to helpe at a need.
riendly thy neighbor, elſe truſt him in this,
hath thy friendſhip, ſo looke to haue his.
Strike nothing vnknowne,
Take heed to thine owne
nge not thy wrath, vpon any mans beaſt,
hine by like matter, be bid to like feaſt.
t huſband prouideth, with money his drudge,
ſwife muſt looke to, which way it doth trudge.

NOw out of the matter, this leſſon I adde,
concerning cocke crowing, what profit is had,
Experience teacheth, as true as a clocke,
how winter night paſſeth, by crowing of cocke.

Cocke croweth at midnight, times few aboue ſix,
with pauſe to his neighbour, to anſwere betwix:
At three a clocke thicker, and then as ye know,
like al in to Mattins, nere day they do crow.

At midnight, at three, and an houre yer day,
they vtter their language, as wel as they may:
Which who ſo regardeth, what counſel they giue,
wil better loue cock crowing, as long as they liue.

For being afraid,
Take heed good mayd:
Marke crowing of cocke,
For feare of a knocke.

The firſt cocke croweth.

Ho, dame it is midnight: what rumbling is that?

The next cocke croweth.

Take hed to falſe harlots, and more, ye wot what.

If noiſe ye heere,
Looke al be cleere:
Leaſt drabs do noy thee,
And theeues deſtroy thee.

The firſt cocke croweth.

Maids, three a clocke, knead, lay your bucks, or go brew,

The next cocke croweth.

And cobble and botch, ye that cannot buy new.

Til cocke crow agen,
Both maidens and men:
Amend with ſpeed,
That mending hath need,

The firſt cocke croweth.

Paſt fiue a clocke, holla: maid, ſleeping beware,

The next cocke croweth.

Leaſt quickly your miſtriſſe vncouer your bare.

Maides

Tusser, Thos.

aides vp I beſeech ye,
eaſt miſtriſſe do breech ye:
o worke and away,
ſ faſt as ye may.

¶ *Huſwiferie.*

Morning works.

o ſooner vp,
t noſe in cup.
op in the morning, as ſome as thou wilt,
th ouerlong lugging, good ſeruant is ſpilt.
louens from ſleeping, no ſooner get vp,
d is in ambrie, and noſe in the cup.
That earlie is doone,
Count huſwifely woon.
worke in the morning may trimly be done,
he day after, can hardly be wun.
ſhand without, it is needfull there be,
ſwife within, is as needfull as he.
Caſt duſt into the yard,
And ſpin and go card.
corners auoided, ſhal further thy health,
me about trifles, ſhall hinder thy wealth,
ne to peele hempe, ozelſe rithes to twine,
no to card, oz to ſeething of wine.
Grind malt for drinke,
See meate do not ſtinke.
ne about cattel, ſome paſture to view,
alt to be grinding, againſt ye do brew,
coweth, ſome byneth, ſome wil not be taught,
neat is attainted, there cookery is naught.

¶ *Breakfaſt dooings.*

To breakfaſt that come,
Giue euery one ſome.
ant to breakfaſt, by day ſtar appeere,
and to worke, fellowes loiter not heere.

2 Let huſwife be caruer, let pottage be beat,
a meſſe to each one, with a morſel of meat.
No more tittle tattle,
Go ſerue your cattle.
3 What tacke in a pudding? ſaith greedy gut wringer,
giue ſuch ye wot what, yet a pudding be finger.
4 Let ſeruants once ſerued, their cattel go ſerue,
leaſt often ill ſeruing, make cattel to ſterue.

¶ *Huſwifely admonitions.*

Learne you that wil thee,
This leſſon of me.

1 No breakfaſt of cuſtome, prouide for to ſaue,
but only for ſuch as deſerueth to haue:
2 No ſhewing of ſeruant, what victels in ſtore,
ſhew ſeruant his labour, and ſhew him no more.
Of hiuocke beware,
Eat nothing wil ſpare.
3 Where al thing is common, what needeth a hutch?
where wanteth a ſlutter, there haunche is much:
4 Where window is open, cat maketh a tray,
yet wilde cat with two legs, is worſe by my fay.
Looke wel vnto thine,
Slut ſlothful muſt whine
5 An eſe in a corner, who vſeth to haue,
reuealeth a drab, and preuenteth a knaue:
6 Make maid to be cleanly, or make her crie creake,
and teach hir to ſtir, when her miſtreſſe doth ſpeake.
Let holliwand threat,
Let fizgig be beat.
7 A wand in thine hand, though ye fight not at all,
makes ſtouts to their buſines, better to fall.
8 For feare of ſwile pad I wiſt, cauſe thee to waile,
let fizgig be taught, to ſhut doze after tatle.
Too eaſie the wicket,
Wil ſtil appeaſe clicket.
9 With hir that wil clicket, make danger to cope,
leaſt quickly hir wicket, ſeeme eaſie to ope.

10 As

d little mendeth, where manners be ſpilt,
ght will be naught, thy and do what thou will.
Fight ſeldome ye ſhal,
But loue not to brall.

ch braulyng wife her huſbande, louyng mate can abide,
ome lyuyng quyet, her loue not to chide.
ber is peaceable, where quiet is had,
oz is hel oz a mischiefe as bad.
What better a law,
Then ſeruant in awe.

ch awe as a warning, will cauſe to beware,
make the whole houſhold the better to fare:
ſelfe of thy counſell thy ſeruantes do knowe,
uty the better ſuch ſeruantes ſhal ſhowe.
Good muſicke regard,
Good ſeruants reward.

ch ſeruants are oftenſt painful and good,
ng in their labour, like bees in the wood:
ſeruantes hope hardly, ſome friendſhip to feele,
ooke to haue fauour, what time they do weele.
By once or twiſe,
Its good to be wiſe.

[illegible] to pleaſe his maſter,
ker to be [illegible] as they ought to,
[illegible] worke do not hap,
ght is the maſter to haue a grap.
Some change for a ſhift,
Oft change ſmal thrift.

ke few of thy counſell to chaunge for the beſt,
ne that is trouſty, auoyde for the reſt.
e ſtone that is rolling can gather no moſſe,
ather and ſpare is the ſpunging ſo loſſe.
Both liberall minded,
Some prouender pinched.

e dog for a bog, and one nut for a mouſe,
eady to giue, is louyng in a houſe.
e gaue all to prodigall, and often to ſcarce,
n prouender pinched, and often to ſparce.

Oneliberall.

¶ *Brewing.*

Brew somewhat for thine,
Else bring vp no swine.

1 Where brewing is needfull, be bruer thy selfe,
what filleth thy cake, will helpe furnish thy shelfe.
2 In buying of drinke, by the firkin or pot,
the tally ariseth but hog amends not.

Wel brued, worth cost,
Ill ved halfe lost.

3 One bushel wel brued, outlasteth some twaine,
and saueth both malt, and expenses in vaine.
4 Too new is no profit, too stale is as bad,
drinke dead or else sower, makes labourer sad.

Remember good Gill,
Take paine with thy swill.

Seething of graines.

5 Seeth graines in more water, while graines be yet hot
and stir them in copper, as porredge in pot.
6 Such heating with straw, to haue offals good store,
both pleaseth and easeth, what would ye haue more?

Baking.

New bread is a driuel,
Much cruft is as euill.

1 New bread is a waster, but mouldy is worse,
what that wise dog catcheth, that loseth the purse.
2 Much doth bake I praise not, much cruft is as ill,
the meane is the huswife, say nay if ye will.

Cookerie.

Good cookery craueth,
Good turnbroch saueth.

1 Good Cooke to dresse dinner, to bake and to brew,
deserues a reward, being honest and true.
2 Good diligent turnebroch with trusty withal,
is sometime as needfull as some in the hall.

Dairie

Good dairy doth pleasure,
Ill dairy spends treasure.

1 Good huswife in dairy, that needs not be told,
deserueth her fee to be paid her in gold.

Good droie wood maketh
Marke flies and such.
oise to serue hog, to help scald, and to millke,
h honestly be mainteined, yet straitly be tooke,
t and a slouen, be knowen by their looke.
In dairy no cat.
Lay bane for a rat.
h cat (a good mouser) doth dwel in a house,
r in dairy house trap for a mouse.
Traps for rats.
ed how thou lates, the bane for the rats,
loning of seruant, thy selfe and thy mats.

¶ *Scowring.*

No scouring for pride,
Spare kettle whole side.
h scowring be needfull, yet scouring too much,
without profit, and coueted of some parch
cessary vse, let vtter not of sum,
thing is costly, sum cracht to haue bum.

¶ *Washing.*

Take heed when ye wash,
Else run in the lash.
Drie sun, drie wind,
Safe bind, safe find,
Where many be packing,
Are many things lacking.

9 Through negligent housholders are many things lacking
and gillet suspected, foul malting be packing.

¶ *Malting.*

Ill malting is theft,
Wood dride hath a weft.

1 Houſe may be ſo handſome, and ſkill weelle ſuch,
to make thine owne malt, it ſhal profit thee much.
2 Some dryeth with ſtraw, and ſome dryeth with wood,
wood aſketh more charge, and nothing to good.
Take heed to the kel,
Sing out as a bel.
3 Be ſure no chances, to fier can draw,
the wood or the furzen, the ſtraw or the ſtraw.
4 Let gillet be ſinging, it doth her good,
to keepe her from ſleeping, and burning the kel.
Beſt dried beſt ſpeeds,
Ill kept bowd breeds.
5 Malt being well dryed, the more it will caſt,
malt being well laid, the longer will laſt.
6 Long kept in ſtore (for troubles to come)
through bowles without number, ſelle quickly the malt.

* *Dinner matters.*

For hunger and thirſt,
Serue cattel well firſt.

1 By nature for reſt [illegible]
let meat carry ſeruice [illegible]
2 Plough cattle [illegible]
the thicker together [illegible]
Together is beſt,
For hoſtis and gheſt.
3 Due ſeaſon [illegible]
diſpatch [illegible]
4 Beware of [illegible]
no painted [illegible]
Let ſuch haue meate,
That follow the plough.
5 Giue ſeruants no [illegible]
[illegible]

6 Some

e ſeruyng halfe ſtarued, worke faintly and dul,
ubbers do ſoiter, their bellies too ful.
Giue neuer too much,
To lazie and ſuch.
lazie that ſleeth, a ſlap and a tap,
othfull, that al day be ſtopping a nap:
e lither lie lubber, more eateth than two,
ueth vndone that another will do.
Where nothing will laſt,
Spare ſuch as thou haſt.
e cutteth thy linnen, ſome ſpilleth their broth,
ie to ſome, doth as wel as a cloth.
eue diſhes be homely, and yet not to lacke,
ſone is no laſter, take tanker'd and tacke.
Knap boy on the thums,
And ſaue him the crums.
pewter is neuer, for mannerly feaſts,
dayly to ſerue, ſo vnmanerly beaſts.
e gnaweth & leaueth, ſome cruſts & ſome crums,
their own leauings, or gnaw their own thums.
Serue God euer firſt,
Take nothing at worſt
ner, at ſupper, at morning, at night,
anks vnto God, for his gifts ſo in ſight. Grace before and after meat.
huſband and huſwife, will ſome times alone,
ſit with a morſel, and picke of a bone.
Enough thou art told,
too much will not hold.
diſhes wel dreſſed, and welcome withal,
aleth thy friend, and becommeth thine hal,
h is a plentie, too much is a pride
gh with il holding, goes quickly all de.

* *After noone works.* After noone workes.

Make companie breake,
Go cheriſh the weake.
inner is ended, ſet ſeruants to worke,
w ſuch fellowes, as loueth to lurke.

2 To seruant in sickenesse, see nothing ye grutch:
a thing of a trifle shall comfort him much.
Who many do feed,
Saue much they had need.

3 Put chippings in droppings, ole parings to saue,
fat capons or chickens, that looketh to haue.

4 Saue droppings and skimmings, how euer ye doo,
for medicine for cattel, for cart and for shoo.
Leane capon vnmeet
Deere fed is vnsweete

5 Such offcome as commeth, giue wife to her fee,
feed willingly such, as do helpe to fede thee.

6 Though fat fed be daintie, yet I thee this warne,
be cunning in fatting, for robbing thy barne.
Peece hole to defend,
Things timely amend.

7 Good semsters be sowing, of fine prettie knacks,
good huswyues be mending and peecing their sacks.

8 Though making and mending be huswifely waies,
yet mending in time, is the huswife to praise.
Buy new as is meete,
Marke blancket and sheete.

9 Though ladies may rend, and buy new ery day,
good huswiues must mend, and buy new as they may.

10 Call quarterly seruants, to court and to leet,
wyte euery couerlet, blancket and sheet.
Shift slouinglie elfe,
Be gailer thy selfe.

11 Though shifting too oft, be a theefe in a house,
yet shift slut and slouen, for feare of a louse.

12 Grant doubtfull no key of his chamber in purse,
least chamber doore lockt, be to theeuery a nurse.
Saue feathers for gest,
These other rob chest.

13 Saue winge for a thresher, when a gander doth die,
saue feathers of all thing, the softer to lie.

14 Much spice is a theefe, so is candle and fier,
sweet sause is as craftie as euer was frier.

Wife

Wife make thine owne candle,
Spare pennie to handle.
uide for thy tallote, per frost commeth in.
make thine owne candle per winter begin.
ennie for all thing, be suffred to cringe,
long not to pennie, to pay him thy wadge.

Candle making.

Euening works.

Time drawing to night,
See all things go right.
n hens go to roost, go in hand to dresse meat,
oogs and to milking, and some to serue neat,
rs twaine be litle, be not serued with thee,
naues in a company, worser they be.
Make lackie to trudge,
Make sentable thy drudge,
erie tryfle, leaue faunting thy nag,
ther make lackie of Jack boy thy wag.
feminine night, lug in wood out a log,
ne come to emptie, but slut and thy dog.
False knaue readie prest,
All safe is the best.
e pullen ple nightly, to pearch in the yeard,
ng leggen to rest, keep watches and ward,
attel well serued, without and within,
l things at quiet, per supper begin.
Take heed it is needfull,
True pittie is meedfull.
thes in garden, no trinkets without:
e leaue unbolted, for feare of a lout.
woman whom pitie becommeth thee best,
ll that haue labored, due time to take rest.

Supper matters.

Vse mirth and good word,
At bed and at boord.
e for thy husband, to make him good cheere,
merie together, while time we be here,
nd at boord, for neuer before,
et God send thee, be merrie withall.

No bralling make,
No iealouſie take.

3 No taunts before ſeruants, for hinḋring of fame,
no iarring too lowd, for auoiḋing of ſhame.
4 As franſie and hereſie, raueth togither,
ſo iealouſie leaueth a ſoule ye wot whither.
Tend ſuch as ye haue,
Stop talkatiue knaue.
5 Yong children and chickens, would euer be eating,
good ſeruants looke duly, for gentle intreating.
6 No ſeruant at table, vſe fauntie to talke,
leaſt toong let at large, out of meaſure do walke.
No ſnatching at al,
Sirs harken now al.
7 No lurching, no ſnatching, no ſtriuing at al,
leaſt one go without, and another haue al.
8 Declare after ſupper, take heed thereunto,
what worke in the morning, ech ſeruant ſhall do.

* *After ſupper matters.*

Thy ſoule hath a clog,
forget not thy dog.

1 Remember thoſe children, whoſe parents be paſt,
which hunger, yet dare not crake at thy doore.
2 Thy bandog that ſerueth for diuers mishaps,
forget not to giue him thy bones and thy ſcraps.
Make keyes to be keepers,
To bed ye ſleepers.
3 Where mouthes be many, to ſpend that thou haſt,
let keyes to be keepers, for ſpending too faſt.
4 To bed after ſupper, let bydde ſhe goe keepe,
leaſt knaue in the darke, to his marrow do creepe.
Keepe keies as thy life,
Feare candle good wife.
5 Such keyes laye vp ſafe, yer ye take ye to reſt,
of datrie, of butterie, of cupboord, and cheſt.
6 Feare candle in parlor, in hatche, and in ſhed,
feare flea ſmocke and mouſe, for burning their bed.

See

See doores locke fast,
Two keies make waft.

e without locke, is a baite for a knaue,
e without key, is a fole that will haue:
ey to two locks, left ftrife is a greefe,
yes to one locke, in the end is a theefe.

Night works troubles bed,
Locke doores and to bed

ay truelly done, what foeuer ye bid,
ght is a theefe, if ye take not good heed,
dishes, lay leauens, laue fire and awale,
ooues and to bed, a good huswife will faie.

Wed time.

To bed know thy guife,
To rife do likewife.

Time to rife.

yter at nine, and in ſummer at ten,
after ſupper, both maides and men,
nter at fiue a clocke, ſeruant ariſe,
mer at foure, is a very good guiſe.

Loue as ye maie,
Loue many a day.

olde not ſullen, if ought go amiſſe
peſtling may looſe thee, that with with a kiſſe,
beare and forbeare, now and then as ye maie,
erich God a mercye thy husband will ſaie.

¶ The plough mans fealting daies.

This would not be kept,
old guiſe muſt be kept.

husbandes whom God hath inriched ynough,
not the feaſts, that belong to the plough:
ing is only to ioy and be glad,
ort with labour, is fit to be had.

Leiceſter ſhare.

Plough Munday

Sunday, next after that twelfth tide is paſt,
e with the plough, the worſt husband is laſt:
an get hatchet, or whip to the ſkreene,
oſeth their cocke, if no water be ſeene.

Shroftide

Shroftide.

3 At Shroftide to shouing, go thresh the fat hen,
if blindfold can kil her, then giue it thy men:
Maids, fritters and pancakes, yuow see you make,
let slut haue one pancake, for companies sake.

Sheepeshearing.

4 Wife make vs a dinner, spare fleshy neither coyne,
make wafers and cakes, for our sheepe must be shorne.
At sheepeshearing neighbours, nowe other thing craue,
but good cheere and welcome, like neighbours to haue.

The wake daie.

5 Fil ouen ful of flawnes, Gennie passe not for sleepe,
to morrow thy father, his wake day will keepe:
Then euery wanton may dance at his will,
both Tomkin and Tomlin, and Jenkin with Gil.

Harueſt home.

6 For al this good feasting, yet art thou not loose,
til ploughman thou giuest, his harueſt home goose:
Though goose go in stubble, I passe not for that,
let goose haue a goose, be she leane be she fat.

Seedcake.

7 Wife somtime this weeke, if the weather hold cleere,
an end of wheat sowing, we make for this yeere:
Remember thou therefore, though I do it not,
the seed cake, the pasties, and furmenty pot.

Twise a weeke roſt

8 Good ploughmen looke weekely of custome and right,
for roſtmeat on sundaies, and thursday at night:
This doing and keeping, such custome and guise,
they cal thee good huswife, they loue thee the wise.

Good huſwifely

Phiſicke.

GOod huswife prouides, yet a sickneſſe do come,
of sundrie good things, in her house to haue some.
Good Aqua compoſita, and vineger tart,
Roſewater and treacle, to comfort thine hart.

Cold

ches in her garden, for agues that burne,
nerſtrong boat, to good temper may turne.
ndine and ſuckerie, with ſpleage enough,
with good potherbs, ſhould follow the plough.
r of Fumitory, liuer to cole,
ers the like, or elſe lie like a fole.
es of barbene, quinces and ſuch,
rops that eaſeth the ſickly ſo much.
Phyſition.
licus counſel, yet medicine ye make,
our that man for neceſſities ſake.
ouſands hate phiſicke becauſe of the coſt,
ſtands it helpeth, that elſe ſhould be loſt.
Good diet
and good keeping, do much woe and ſhame,
with wiſedome, be ſtrong ſo keepeth man.
Thinke on thy ſoule and haue a good hope.
o be ſtirring, ſhall profite thee beſt,
s hate trouble, ſeeke quiet and reſt.
r thy ſoule, let no fantſie preuaile,
dy to Godward, let faith neuer quaile.
thy ſelfe thou ſubmitteſt to God,
r he ceaſeth to ſcourge with his rod.

Goodmotherlie *nurſerie.*

uſwiues take paine, and do count it good lucke,
ke their owne breaſt, their owne child to giue lucke.
alking and rocking be noiſome ſo neare,
by ill nurſling, is worſer to heare.
ing I warne thee, let huſwife be nurſe,
and no fine thee too ſtranke with his purſe.
ſicke and filthie, maketh a waſte,
to make good, or elſe loke for a traie.
that is tittie, giue babie the big,
neſſe to youth, and to roperipe a twig.
not ſpoken ſo often for naught,
zen were better, vnborne then vntaught.
nes with cocking, are made verie foles,
for prentiſe, for plough nor for ſchooles.

Teach

Teach child to aſke bleſſing, ſerue God, and to church;
then bleſſe as a mother, elſe bleſſe him with burch.
Thou huſwife thus doing, what further ſhall nede
but all men to call thee, good mother indede.

Thinke on the poore.

REmember the poore, that for God ſake do call,
for God both rewardeth, and bleſſeth withall:
Take this in good part, whatſoeuer thou be,
and wiſh me no worſe, than I wiſh to thee,

A compariſon betweene good *huſwiferie and euil.*

Comparing togither, good huſwife and bad,
The knowledge of either, the better is had.

ILL huſwifery lieth,
til nine of the clocke:
Good huſwiferie trieth,
to riſe with the cocke.

2 Ill huſwiferie teeteth,
to make hir ſelfe braue:
Good huſwiferie loketh,
what houſhold muſt haue

3 Ill huſwiferie truſteth,
to him and to hir:
Good huſwifery luſteth,
hir ſelfe for to ſtir.

Ill huſwiferie careth,
for this nor for that:
Good huſwiferie ſpareth,
for feare ye wot what.

5 Ill huſwiferie pricketh,
hir ſelfe vp in pride:
Good huſwiferie tricketh,
hir houſe as a bride.

6 Ill huſwiferie nothing,
or other muſt craue:
Good huſwiferie nothing,
but nedfull will haue.

7 Ill huſwiferie moueth,
with goſſip to ſpend
Good huſwiferie loueth,
hir houſhould to tend.

8 Ill huſwiferie wanteth,
with ſpending too faſt:
Good huſwiferie ſcanteth,
the lenger to laſt.

9 Ill huſwiferie eaſeth,
hir ſelfe with vnknowne:
Good huſwiferie pleaſeth,
hir ſelfe with hir owne.

10 Ill huſwiferie bꝛoketh,
mad toies in hir hed:
Good huſwiferie loketh,
that all things be red.

11 Ill huſwiferie bringeth,
a ſhilling to naught:
Good huſwiferie ſingeth,
hir cofers ſtill fraught.

12 Ill huſwiferie rendeth,
and caſteth aſide:
Good huſwifery mendeth,
elſe would it go wide.

ulwifery sweepeth,
nen to sage:
ulwifery keepeth,
e dir in age.
ulwifery craueth,
et to borrow:
ulwifery saueth,
for to morrow.

Ill housewifery plieth,
not hauing to eat:
Good housewifery vieth,
with plenty of meat.
Ill housewifery letteth,
the maid take ait:
Good housewifery setteth,
good heed of a maid.

wife good fame hath, of best in the towne:
ife ill name hath, of euery clowne.

Thus endeth the booke of housewifery.

For men a perfect warning,
How child should come by learning.
u that faine would learne the perfect waie,
ake good child in youthe learning leene:
re first what thereof the wise men saie,
e sure ye minde to take a paine.
le gold and riches be not thie,
the learned muses seme to thie.
de that nature hath done his part,
Phisicke taies to ioine with art:
so first doth teach our youth what arte,
ely breaker may be our liuing part.
mad braines hand to that mai helpe,
skil doth make the proper whelpe.
oise is hard, count gold for well a fine,
with will is he that teacheth best,
lice for teaching child of tine,
ly well for all the lingring rest:
t first, how fethome paineth well,
f, O God, how shortly doth exceed.
as lyues must tarrie hand and thie,
hainers abide their limited time:
though of learning bailie tribe,
be had, yet will may thereto clime.

Yet

Yet eatle steps and perfect waie to leare,
Doth cause god speed, confesse of force he might.

5 Thus in the child though lott the thought he find,
And teacher good more hand at other where,
And time as apt as may be thought with mind,
Nor cause in such thing much to doubt or feare:
Yet cocking mams and chitting dads from schooles,
Makes pregnant wits, to proue vnlearned soles.

6 Yer learning come to haue first art thou taught,
Apt learning child, apt time, then thing to frame,
Apt cunning man to teach, else all is naught.
Apt parents glad to bring to passe the same.
On such apt ground the muses loue to build,
This lesson learne, and learned be child.

¶ The description of a womans age by vi. times xiiii. yeares prentiship with a lesson to the same.

14 Two first seuen yeares, for a toy or a pin,

28 Two next, as a pearle in the fourth sleepe shines,

42 Two next, trim beautie begins to fade,

56 Two next, for maidens [illegible]

70 Two next, doth crase [illegible]

84 Two next, a beare to fetch [illegible]

A lesson.

Then purchase some pelfe,
By fifty and three,
Or buckle thy selfe,
A drudge for to be.

¶ The Innholders pelfe.

AT meales my friend who tittleth here, a table with his fellowes
Shall both be sure of better cheere, and leape with better will.
But he that will attendance haue, a chamber by himselfe,
Must more regard what paines he craue, then pay for his pelfe.
Let no man looke to purchase linne, with pinching by the waste,
But late before he takes his Inne, to make his purse to paie.

For

ng pay and nothing pray, in Inne it is the guise. (wise.
point gaine, there no point paine, think this if you be
g much, & spoiling more, great cost small gain or none
thine host at needams shore, to crane the beggars bone
this, come day or night, take vp what place ye please
as thine, let fortune spight, and boldly take thine ease.

¶ Certaine table lessons.

eat lesse and drinke lesse, and buy thee a knife,
oke for a caruer not altoge too rife:
itueleſſe their daggers for brauery do weare,
en for hurting need not to feare.
et and supper the table doth craue,
lesely neighbour good maners to haue:
ee wel therefore, yet toong be too free,
ice be noted, too saucy to be.
hing wantonly, or seemeth amisse,
or shew it, good manner it is,
faults finder, and sawcy withall,
ng like ruffin, no maners at all.
utteth the napkin, some trencher to wipe,
meth like foolp in many a tricke:
pish babie, so toying at meat,
ts his nourse, like ape in the street.
commeth vnsent for, not for the good cheere,
as a spiall, to listen and beere:
ing once knowne, for a knaue let him go,
e will be knauish, his nature is so.

Lessons for waiting seruants:

igent seruitor, skilful to weight,
comlieth thy table, than other some eight,
for to listen, or gazing about,
ing their duty, within nor without.
ster is faulty, that standeth so by,
ll of seruice, forgetting his eie:

If maister to such, giue a bone for to gnaw,
he doth but his office to teach such a daw.

3 Such seruitor also deserueth a checke,
that runneth out fizging, with meat in his becke:
Such rauening puttocks, for bittels so trim,
would haue a good maister, to puttocke with him.

4 Who daily can suffer, or else can abroy,
his meat so vp snatched, that comes from his booyd:
So tolled with cormorants, here and there some,
and others to want it, that ouerlie come?

5 Good seruitor waiteth (once supper begun)
what asketh attendance, and what to be dun:
So purchasing maister a praise with the best,
& get praise to himselfe, both of maister and guest.

Husbandly posies for the Hall.

FRiend, here I dwell, and here I haue a little wealthie prise,
Which on my friend I keepe to spend, as well as on my selfe.

2 What euer fare you hap to find, take welcome for the best,
That hauing there disdaine you not, for wanting of the rest.

3 Backbiting talke that flattring biabs, and lushy lods to lounge
The wise doth note, the friend doth hate, the enemie to reuenge.

4 The wise will spend, or giue or lend, yet keepe to haue a Rowe,
If fooles may haue from hand to mouth, they passe vpon no more.

5 Where ease is sought, at last we see, there plenty seareth scant,
Who careles liues go borrow must, or sike for others want.

6 The world doth think, the wealthie man is he that best shall speed:
But true it is, the godlie man is he that best shall speed.

Posies for the parlour.

AS hatred is the serpents nature rou,
So friendship is the louing gift of God.

2 The drunken friend is friendship verie foule,
The frantick friend is friendship for the diuell.

3 The quiet friend all one in word and deed,
Great comfort is, like readie gold at need.

4 Wit

Posies for the chefts chambers.

Posies for thine owne bed chamber.

5 What greater paine of God and man, than mercie to haue
6 and no mercies, shall mercie finde, that mercie shewes to few.
6 What worse despaire, than loth to die, for feare to go to hell?
what greater faith, than trust in God, through Christ in heauen to
dwell?

¶ A Sonnet to the Lady Paget.

Some pleasures take,
And cannot giue,
but only make,
poore thanks their shift.
Some meaning well,
in debt do liue,
and cannot tell,
how else to thrift.
Some knock and faine,
would gyue full deare,
to learne the traine,
good turne to praise:
Some shew good face,
and be but prose,
yet passe a grace,
good name to raise.
Some giue and giue,
yet still in debt,
and so most liue,
for aught I know:
Some wish to pay,
and cannot yet,
but ruth and pay,
still owe.
Euen so must I, for feare of paine,
Sith wish you good, while life doth laste.

¶ *Principall points of Religion.*

1 To pray to God continually,
To learn to know him rightfully,
2 To honour God in Trinity,
3 The Trinity in Vnity,
The Father in his Maiesty,
The Sonne in his humanity,
The Holy ghosts benignity,
Three persons, one in Deity,
4 To serue him alway holily,
5 To aske him all things needfully,
6 To praise him in all company,
7 To loue him alway hartily,
8 To tread him alway Christianly,
9 To

9 To aske him mercie penitently,
10 To trust him alway faithfully,
11 To obey him alway willingly,
12 To abide him alway patiently,
13 To thāke him alway thankfully,
14 To liue here alway vertuously,
15 To vse thy neighbour honestly,
16 To looke for death ful prestly,
17 To helpe the poore in myserie,
18 To hope for heauens felicitie,
19 To haue faith, hope & charitie,
20 To count this life but vanitie,

Be points of Christianity.

The Authors beleefe.

my stedfast credo, my faith and all my trust,
God the Father.
the heauens he is a God, both mighty strōg & iust,
ue all Gods, a king aboue all kings,
f lords, chiefe gouernor, of heauen and earthly things.

er hath of life, of death, of heauen and hel,
The Creator of heauen.
ings made as pleased him, & hath not fail'd to tell
the prayeng soules, for whom hath euer light,
ese name the sinnefull hearts, who all their earthly nights

the earth hath herbe, liuely trees, and fainey fruits,
The earth.
with hern, both liuely creatures, of strange & fundry suits
nder the same, liuely vpland like vnto of one,
old, of precious stones, and diuerse sundry mine.

ed bowles of waters by the liuely springs,
The waters
e fishes among the rockes to play among them,
Fresh and
he beasts of the field, the birds in the aire,
brine.
ewes, the blustring windes, to serue his pleasure,
e the surging seas, to ebbe and flo,
The man.
man both soaring ship, might passe to and fro
the same, for many a sundry sute,
ation vnder heauen, might thereby profit take.

M.ii. 6 That

6 That gaue to man a soule, with reason how to liue,
That doth to him and all things else, his blessing daily giue:
That is not seene yet seeth, how man doth vse his face,
Whose dailie workes both good & bad, are knowne before his face

The soule of man.

7 That sendeth thundring claps, like terrors out of hel,
That mã may know a god there is: that in the heauens do dwell:
That sendeth chastning plagues, to keepe our liues in awe,
His benefits if we forget, or do condemne his lawe.

Thunder and plages.

8 That daily hateth sinne, and loueth vertue well,
And is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel,
That doth displeasure take, when we his lawes offend,
And yet amids his heauie wrath, his mercie doth extend.

9 This is that lord of hosts, the father of vs all,
The maker of what ere was made, my God on whom I call:
Which for the loue of man, sent downe his only sonne,
Begot of him before the worlds, were any whit begun.

Christ the sonne.

10 This entred Maries wombe, as faith all truth sure,
Conceiued by the holy Ghost, borne of the virgin pure:
This was both God and man, of Iewes the hoped king,
And liued here saue only sinne, like man in euerie thing.

Christs birth: Christ god and man.

11 This is that virgins child, that same most holie priest,
The law he of God, the prophet great, who scripture calleth christ,
This is that Messias was, of whom the prophet spake,
That holy head do bruse the serpents head, & our atonement make.

Christ our Messias.

12 This Iudas did betray, to false dissembling Iewes,
Which vnto Pilate being iudge, did falsly him accuse:
Who (through that wicked iudge) and of those Iewes despight,
Condemned and tormented was, with all the force they might.

Christs passion.

13 To liuing wight more euil, what could such wretches do?
More piercing wounds, more bitter paines, than they did put him to?
They crowned him with thorne, that was the king of kings: (to
That sought to saue the soule of man, aboue all worldly things.

14 This was that paschall lambe, whose loue for vs so stood,
That on the mount of Caluarie, for vs did shed his blood:
Where hanging on the crosse, no shame he did forsake, (make
Til death giuen him by pearcing speare, an end of life did

Christs death.

is Joseph seeing dead, the bodie thence did craue,
k it forth with from the crosse, and laid it in his graue,
e thence he went to hell, in vsing there his will,
wer I meane, his stained corps in tombe remained still.

Christs burial.
Christs descension.

m death to life againe, the third daie he did rise,
ne on earth to his elect, times oft in sundrie wise:
er into heauen, a cend he did in sight,
teth on the right hand there, of God the father of might.

Christs resurrection,
Christs ascension,

en for vs wretches all, his father he doth praie,
e respect vnto his death, and put our sins awaie:
hence with sounded trump, which noise all flesh shal dred,
returne with glorie againe, to iudge the quick and dead.

Christ shall be our iudge.

t shall the voice be heard, Come, come, ye good to me,
hence to hell ye workers euill, where paine shal euer be:
that louing Christ, whom I my sauiour call,
ely put my trust in him, and in none else at all.

The iudges sentence.

God the holie Ghost, I firmelie do beleeue,
from the father and the son, a blessed life doth géeue:
by the Prophets spake, which doth all comfort send,
do trust shal be my guide, when this my life shall end.

God the holy Ghost.

ly catholike Church, on earth I grant there is,
e which frame their liues by that, shall neuer do amis:
d whereof is Christ, his word the chiefest post,
er of his temple great, is God the holie Ghost.

The catholike church.

not doubt there is, a multitude of saints,
d is don resembling them, when telling them our plaints
th and works in Christ, that glorie did them giue,
rie we shal likewise haue, if likewise we do liue.

The communion of saints.

od of heauen there is forgiuenes of our sins,
Christs death, through faith in it, & through none other
pentant here, his mercie dailie craue, (gins.
stedfast hope & faith in Christ, forgiuenes we shal haue.

Forgiuenes of sinnes.

e and trust vpon the rising of the flesh,
ps of mine that first must die, shal rise againe afresh:
e and bodie euen then, in one shall ioyned be,
did rise from death to life, euen so through Christ shal we

Mans resurrection.

14 As Christ is glorified, and neuer more shall die,
As Christ ascended into heauen, through Christ euen so shall I:
As Christ I count my head, and I a member of his,
So God I trust for Christs sake, shall settle me in blis.

THus here we learne of God, that there be persons three,
The Father, sonne, and holie ghost, one God in Trinitie:
In substance all like one, one God, one Lord, one might,
Whose persons yet we do diuide, and so we mate by right.

As God the Father is, the maker of vs all,
So God the Sonne redeemer is, to whom for helpe we call,
And God the holie ghost, the soule of man doth win,
By moning her to waile for grace, ashamed of her sin.

This is that God of gods, whom euerie soule should loue,
whom al mens hearts should quake for feare, his wrath on them
That this same mightie God, aboue all others cheefe, (to moue:
Shall saue my souls from dolefull hell, is al my whole beleefe.

¶ Of the omnipotencie of God, *and debilitie of man.*

O God thou glorious God, what god is like to thée,
what life, what strength is like to thine, as al the world may
The heauens, the earth, the seas, and all thy works therein, (see:
Do shew (to who thou wouldst to know) what thou hast euer bin

2 But all the thoughts of man, are bent to wretched euill,
Man doth commit Idolatrie, bewitched of the deuill:
What ill is left vndone, where man mate haue his will,
Man euer was an hypocrite, and so continues still.

3 What daillie watch is made, the soule of man to slea,
By Lucifer, by Belsabub, Mammon, and Almodea:
In deuilish pride, in wrath, in coueting too much,
In fleshly lust the time is spent, the life of man is such.

4 The ioy that man hath here, is as a sparke of fire,
His aas be like the smouldring smoke, himselfe like dirt & mire.
His strength euen as a reed, his age much like the flower,
His breath or life is but a puffe, vncertaine euerie hower.

5 But

t for the holie ghost, and for his gifts of grace,
eath of Christ, thy mercie great, man were in woefull case:
nt vs therefore Lord, to amend that is amisse,
hen from hence we do depart, to rest with thée in blisse.

Eleemosyna prodest homini in vita, in morte, & post mortem.
Out of S. Augustine.

onelie loue of God, more christian-like to liue, Of almes deedes.
o for a zeale to helpe the poore, thine almes dailie giue:
ft no glorie loke, nor ill possesse thy mind,
a truth these profits three, through almes shalt thou find.
t, here the holie Ghost, shall dailie through his grace,
ke thee to repentant life, Gods mercie to embrace.
œds and friends (by death) when thou thy leaue must take
almes deeds shall claspe thy soule, and neuer it forsake.
n God shall after death call some for thine account,
lmes then through thy faith in Christ, shall all things else
yet for any déed, put thou no trust therein, (surmount
t thy trust in God (through Christ) to pardon thee thy sin.
else as cackling hen, with noise bewrayes her nest,
o go thou and blase thy deeds, and lose thou all the rest.

Malus homo. Out of S. Augustine.

naughtie man I read, two sundrie things are ment,
e one is man, th'other naught, which ought him to repent,
an we ought to loue, because of much therein,
in him we ought to hate, euen as a filthie sin.
thy dailie sins, the heauenlie Lord offend,
en thou dost repent the same, his wrath is at an end.

¶ *Of two sorts of men, the one good, and the other bad.* Out of S. Augustine.

first the world began, there was and shall be still,
mmane kind two sundry sorts, the one good, the other ill:
till the iudgement date, shall here together dwell,
n the good shall vp to heauen, the bad shall downe to hell.

Diabolo cùm reſiſtitur, eſt vt formica: cùm verò eius ſuggeſtio recipitur, fortis eſt vt leo.

Out of S. Auguſtine.

When Satan we reſiſt, a piſmire ſhall he be,
But when we ſæme to giue him place, a lion then is he.

¶ *Eight of S. Bernards verſes, both in Latine* and Engliſh, with one note to *them both.*

CVr mundus militat, ſub vana gloria,
Cuius proſperitas, eſt tranſitoria,
Tam citò labitur, eius potentia,
Quàm vaſa figuli, quæ ſunt fragilia.

1 Why ſo triumphs the world, in pompe and glorie vaine,
Whoſe ſtate ſo happie thought, ſo fickle doth remaine:
Whoſe bravarie ſlipperie ſtands, and doth ſo ſone decay,
As doth the potters pan, compact of brittle clate.

Plus crede literis, ſcriptis in glacie,
Quàm mundi fragilis, vanæ fallaciæ,
Fallax in præmijs, virtutis ſpecie,
Quæ nunquam habuit, tempus fiduciæ.

2 More credite ſæ thou giue, to letters wrote in Yſe,
Than vnto vaine decettes, of brittle worlds deuiſe,
In gifts to vertue due, beguiling mante one,
Yet thoſe ſame neuer haue, long time to hope vpon.

3 Magis credendum eſt, viris fallacibus,
Quàm mundi miſeris proſperitatibus,
Falſis inſanijs & voluptatibus,
Falſis quoque ſtudijs & vanitatibus.

3 To falſe diſſembling men, more truſt is to be had,
Than to the proſperous ſtate, of wretched world ſo bad:
What with voluptuouſnes, and other maddiſh toies,
Falſe ſtudies worn with paine, falſe vanities and toies.

4 Dic vbi Salomon, olim tam nobilis?
Vel vbi Samſon eſt, dux inuincibilis?
Vel dulcis Ionathas, multùm amabilis?
Vel pulcher Abſolon, vultu mirabilis?

4 Tell

here is Salomon, that once ſo noble was?
e now Samſon is, in ſtrength whom none could pas?
hte Jonathas, that prince ſo louelie bold?
Abſolon, ſo gentle to behold?

Quo Cæſar abijt, celſus imperio?
Vel Diues ſplendidus, totus in prandio?
Dic vbi Tullius, clarus eloquio?
Vel Ariſtoteles, ſummus ingenio?

whither is Ceſar gone, which conquered far and neer,
rich famous rarle, ſo giuen to bellie chéere:
here is Tullie now, for eloquence ſo fit?
oteles, of ſuch a pregnant wit?

O eſca vermium! O maſſa pulueris!
O ros! O vanitas! cur ſic extolleris?
Ignoras penitus, vtrum cras vixeris,
Fac bonum omnibus, quàm diu poteris.

ilſt baſt for wormes! O thou great heap of duſt!
O vanitie! whie ſo ertoſt thou luſt?
reſone ignorant, what time thou haſt to liue,
o eris man, while here thou haſt to giue.

Quàm breue feſtum eſt, hæc mundi gloria?
Vt vmbra hominis, ſic eius gaudia,
Quæ ſemper ſubtrahunt, æterna præmia,
t ducunt hominem, ad dura deuia.

ort a feaſt to count, is this ſame worlds renowne?
mens ſhadowes be, ſuch ioyes they bring to towne:
woale plucketh vp, from Gods eternall blis,
th man to hell, a iuſt reward of his.

Hæc mundi gloria, quæ magni penditur,
actis in literis, flos fœni dicitur,
Vt leue folium, quod vento rapitur,
ic vita hominum, hac vita tollitur.

nerie of this world, eſtéemed here ſo much,
re likened is, to flowers of graſſe and ſuch:
e leaſe ſo light, through wind alwaie is blowne,
this our life, full ſone is ouerthrowne.

Of

¶ Of the Authors linked verses departing from the court to the Countrey.

MAse not my friend to find me heere,
Contented with this meane estate:
And seeme to do with willing cheere,
That courtier doth so deadlie hate.

And yet of force to learne anewe,
Would much abash the dulled braine:
I craue to iudge and this be true,
The truant child that feeles the paine.

No, no, God wot, to disagree,
Is ventring all to make or mar:
If fortune frowne we dailie see,
It is not best to striue too far.

From daintie court to country fare
To daintie fed is diet strange:
From cities ioy to countrie care,
To skillesse folke is homelie change.

If courtlie change so breaketh will,
That country life must serue the turne:
What profit then in striuing still,
Against the pricke to seeme to spurne?

What gaine I though I do repent,
My crutches all are broke and gone:
My wonted friends are careles bent,
They feare no chance I chance vpon.

Now if I take in worth my lot,
That fatall chance doth force me to,
If ye be friends vpbraid me not,
But vse a friend as friends should do.

For fortunes looke,
Hath changed her we:
And I my booke,
Must learne anewe.

But where a spight,
Of force must be:
What is that wight,
May disagree?

For lordlie bent,
Must learne to spare:
And be content,
With country fare.

Where need yet can,
None other skill:
Sometime poore man
Must breake his will.

If court with cart,
Must be content:
What ease to hart,
Though mind repent

As need doth make,
Old age to trot:
So must I take,
In worth my lot.

Behold the horse,
Must trudge for pelfe
And yet of force,
Content it selfe.

The Authours life.

Epodium. NOw gentle friend, if thou be kind,
Disdaine thou not, although the lot.
Fall not with me no better heer,
Than doth appeere:

Nor

t grieue, that thus I liue,
er geſſe, for quietneſſe,
do, ſo do I to,
t me heere.
ue and loue, of God aboue,
o ſhew in yer ſes few,
ough the yeers, my youthfull yeares,
in their race:
her ſay, why ſo I ſtay,
d to liue, as Bee in hiue,
t to ſpend, my life to an end,
ſame place.
e to paſs, that borne I was,
e good, of gentle bloud,
laier, in village faier,
iuenhall hight:
illage liue, by Banktree ſide,
ocnd did I, mine infancie,
yen my name, in honeſt fame,
d in light.
ut yong, no ſpeech of tong,
ces withall, that often fall,
others cies, when child out cries.
t her fro:
ittie make, good father take,
I muſt, to long be thruſt,
at I would, do what I could,
ind was ſo,
full time, for euerie crime.
wled eares? like baited Beares?
obbed lips, what yerkes, what nips?
ellish toies?
obes ſo haue? what colledge fare?
yead, how ſtale? what pennie ale?
allingford, how wert thou abhord,
e boies?
e for my boice, I muſt (no choiſe)
force, like poſting horſe.

Borne at Rinenhall in Eſſex.

Set to long ſchoole.

wallingford Colledge.

For

For sundry men, had placards then,
such childe to take:
The better best, the lesser rest,
To serue the quere, now there now heere,
For time so spent, I may repent,
and sorrow make.

7 But marke the chance, my selfe to vance,
By friendships lot, to Paules I got,
So found I grace, a certaine space,
still to remaine,
John Redford an excellent musitian. With Redford there, the like no where,
For cunning such, and vertue much,
By whom some part, of Musicks art,
so did I gaine.

8 From Paules I went, to Eaton sent,
Nicholas Vdal schoolmaster at Eaton. To learne straight waies, the Latin phraies,
Where fiftie three, stripes giuen to mee,
at once I had:
For fault but small, or none at all,
It came to passe, thus beat I was,
See Vdall see, the mercie of thee,
to me poore lad.

Trinitie hall in Cambridge. 9 From London hence, to Cambridge thence
With thanks to thee, O Trinitie,
That to thy Hall, surpassing all,
I got at last:
There ioy I felt, there trim I dwelt,
There heauen from hell, I shifted well,
With learned men a number then,
the time I past.

Quartan ague. 10 Long sickness had, then was I glad,
To leaue my booke, to proue and looke,
In court what gaine, by taking paine,
mought well be found:
L. Paget. Lord Paget than, that noble man,
Whose soule I trust, is with the iust,
That came was he, inriched me,
with many a pound.

11 When

hen this betide, good parents bide,
ter one, til both were gone,
le petigree, who lift may lee
olds booke.
le soules in bliſſe, be long yer this,
pe we muſt, as God is iuſt,
re that craue, shal mercie haue,
mercie looke.
court I spide, and ten yeares tride,
ards and dice, with Venus vice,
euish pride, from vertue wide,
some to wraught.
Tiburne play, made them awaie,
gers state, as ill to hate,
h like euils, I saw such wyuels,
me to naught.
is it not, to be forgot,
rt that some, to worship come,
me in time, to hauoc time,
eed ful wel,
haue such gift, that trim they shift,
profit make, by paines they take,
l much, though oft are such,
rt that dwel.
hen court gan frown, and strife in town
os and knights, saw beauie sights,
oke I wife, and led my lyfe.
uffolke soile.
was I faine, my selfe to traine,
me too long, the farmers song,
e of pelfe, like worldly elfe,
le and toile.
this booke, who list to looke,
andry, and huswiferie,
may he find, more of my mind,
ning this.
ke and care, and euer bare,
sse and paine, to little gaine,

The vices of the court.

The nobilitie at variance in Edward the 6. daies.

It was made in suffolke this booke first deuised.

Wyth

With shifts to saue, to cram sir knaue,
what life it is.
16 When wife could not, through sickues got
More tolle abide, so neere seaside,
Then thought I best, from tolle to rest,
and Ipswich trie:
A towne of price, like paradice.
For quiet then, and honest men,
There was I glad, much friendship had,
a time to lie.
17 There left good wife, this present life,
And there left I, house charges lie,
For glad was he, might send for me,
good lucke so stood:
In suffolke there, were euery where,
Euen of the best, besides the rest,
That neuer did their friendship bid,
to doo me good.
18 O Suffolke thou, content thee now,
That hadst the praise, in those same daies,
For squires and knights, that wel delights,
good house to keepe.
For Norfolke wiles, so ful of guiles,
Haue caught my toe, by wiuing so.
That out to thee, I flie for me,
no way to creepe.
19 For lo, through guile, what haps the while,
Through Venus toies, in hope of ioies,
I chanced soone, to finde a moone,
of chearful hew:
Which wel and fine, me thought did shine,
And neuer change, a thing most strange,
Yet kept in sight, his course aright,
and compasse true.
20 Behold of truth, with wife in youth,
For ioy at large, what dayly charge,
Through childrens hap, what opened gap,
to more begun:

The

Ipswich amended.

New made in Suffolke:

Hitris my Name.

usser, Thos.

ild at nurse, to tow the paile.
ame to wed, to trouble hee,
easure rare, such onely cost,
usband wun.
en did I dwel, in Stratford feel,
e for wood, that trimly stood,
flesh and fish, as part would wish,
when I spide:
lord with lord, could not accord,
ow pound he, and now pound we,
left I al, because such brall.
t not bide.
Southwel what, meant thou by that,
worthy wight, thou famous knyght,
ne to craue, and to thy graue.
by and bye:
ath thou foe, why dost thou so,
eatly treat, that iewel great,
ich opt his doore, to rich and poore,
ountеously:
here thus beſtad, when leaue I had,
eath of him, to ſinke or ſwim,
rauens I ſaw, together draw,
ſuch a ſort:
n wales I ſought, by wiſdome taught,
eare low ſaile, leſt ſtorm ſhould quaile,
ship might finde, with proſperous wind,
ne safer port.
t length by brew, to shore I drew,
charging ſtraight, both ſhip and freight,
to ſuch fine, for me and mine,
tle trim:
here ſtrangers wel, may ſeeme to dwel,
t pitch and pay, or keepe their bay,
who that want, ſhal finde it ſcant,
good for him:
but Saliſbury how, were kept my vow,
aiſe from thee, were kept by me,

Landlords at Bariance.

Sir Richard Southwell.

His ſeuen executors.

Norwich qualities.

Maiſter Saliſburie

Thou.

rie deane of Norwich.

Thou gentle deane, mine onely meane,
there then to liue:
Though churls such some, to craue can come
And pray once got, regard thee not.
Yet liue or die, so will not I,
example giue.
26 When learned men, could there nor then,
Deuise to swage, the stormie rage,
Nor yet the furie of my iniurie,
that long I had:
In 138 houres I neuer made a drop of water.
From Norwich aire, in great dispaire,
Awaie to flie, or else to die,
To seeke more health, to seeke more wealth,
then was I glad.
27 From thence so sent, away I went,
With sickness worne as one forlorne,
Faierstead in Essex.
To house my hed, at Faierstead:
where whyles I dwelt,
The tithing life, the tithing strife,
Through tithing fil, of Jacke and Gil,
The daily paies, the misery waies,
too long I felt.
28 When charges grew, still new and new,
And that I spide, if pacion dide,
All hope in vaine, to hope for gaine,
I might go bannce:
Once rid my hand, of parsonage land,
Leake for parsons life
Thence by and by, away went I,
To London straight, to hope and wait,
for better chaunce:
29 Wel London wel, that bearst the bel,
Of praise about, England throughout,
And dost indeed, to such as need,
London commended:
much kindnes shew
Who that with thee, can hardly agree,
Nor can wel praise, thy friendly waies,
Shal friendship find, to please his mind,
in places few

30 As

for such mates, as vertue hates,
or they, that go so gay,
needs he must, take all of trust,
im or his:
gh such for woe, by Lothbury go,
ing spide, about Cheapside,
Mercers bookes, for many lookes,
l matter it is.
hen gaines was gon, & yeeres grew on,
ath did crie, from London flie,
nbridge then, I found agen,
ing plot:
ledge best, of al the rest,
thanks to thee, O Trinitee,
gh thee and thine, for me and mine,
stay I got:
ce hap haps so, let tolling go,
uing paines, yeeld forth hir gaines.
rtly gifts, with wedding shifts,
now to liue:
sicke win, let stocke come in,
dome carue, let reason serue,
e I craue, such end to haue,
d shal giue.
ads thus by me, perceiue may ye,
ntrie stands, not al by lands,
o seek, dapientie seek,
ents gift:
p and then, of gentlemen,
gest sonne, is driuen to run,
to seeke, from creeke to creeke,
e by thrift.
nore by this, to conster is,
is set, enough to get,
re or whan, that scarsly can,
est tel:
ing some, to riches come,
nd plough, some get nough,

Anthrifts order.

The plague at London.

Youth ill spent makes age repent.

A lesson for younger brothers.

A true lesson.

And some so wiue, that trim they thriue,
and speed full well.

35 To this before, adde one thing more,
Youth hardnes taught, with knowledge wraught,
Most apt do proue, to shift and shoue,
amongst the best:
Where cocking dads, make saucie lads,
In youth so rage, to beg in age,
Or else to fetch a Tiburns stretch,
among the rest.

Hardnes in youth not the worst.

36 Not rampish toy, of girle and boy,
Nor garment trim, of hir or him,
In childhood spent, to fond intent,
good end doth frame:
If marke we shal, the summe of all,
The end it is, that noted is,
Which if it bide, with virtue tride,
deserueth fame.

37 When al is done, learne this my sonne,
Not feend nor skill, nor wit at wil,
Nor ship nor clod, but onely God,
doth all in all:
Man taketh paine, God giueth graine,
Man doth his best, God doth the rest,
Man wel intends, God fulfilleth fonds,
else want he shall.

Man doth labour and God doth blesse.

38 Some seeke for wealth, I seeke my health,
Some seeke to please, I seeke mine ease,
Some seeke to saue, I seeke to haue,
to liue vpright:
More than to ride, with pompe and pride,
Or for to iet, in others det,
Such is my skil, and shall be stil,
for any wight.

A contented mind worth all.

39 Too fond were I, here thus to lie,
Vnles that welth, might further health,
And profit some, should thereby come,
to helpe withall:

This

causeth me, inel pleasd to be,
drift to make, such life to take,
cing mind, remorse to find,
eed, need shall.
end at thing waid, that here is said,
ing got, that paies the shot,
uske of right, haue leaue I might,
th draweth neere;)
ue some waies, my God to praies,
ercy craue, in time to haue,
the rest, what he thinks best,
ffer heere.

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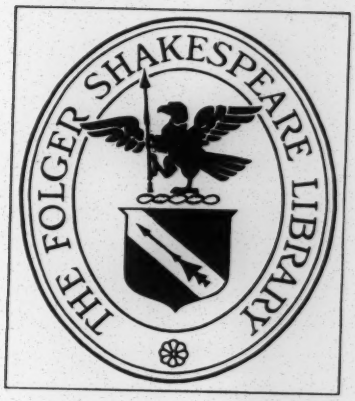
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